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Another Cold Wave Is Headed For South---Due Today

SATURDAY GUSHER DAY IN WORTHAM OIL FIELD

Year 1925 Promises Healthy Growth for City of Mexia

BUILDING FOR A 20,000 CITY SAYS MAYOR WATSON

During 1925 Mexia will experience a healthy growth, increased business and general prosperity, according to the prediction of Mayor Ernest Watson, who says that the city is building for a population of 20,000 people.

No building excitement nor a campaign which will leave the city with many vacant buildings after the "boom" is over is to be seen, the mayor says, but just a normal permanent growth.

"We are building for a city of 20,000 or more," Mayor Watson says, in looking over the plant of the city in its permanent improvements.

The city is taking steps to protect a water supply for more than 20,000 people and the sewerage disposal plant is to be improved and completed so that the health of the city will be assured.

Improvement of highways leading into the city through the recent bond issue will increase the rural trade with the city and make Mexia again the agricultural trading center of a wide district.

After the oil boom has settled down many permanent improvements will remain to the city, many citizens made independent by their investments in the oil enterprises will build better homes and many of the workers here for the rush will decide that there is no better place to live than Mexia and will reside here.

Additional industries are to be the result with the increased payroll coming in.

Mexia has experienced other booms and has profited by the lessons learned, Mayor Watson says. It knows how to absorb 5,000 additional people with comparatively little trouble and also knows how to settle back to normal operation without a panic. The mayor made no prediction of the length of the present boom but sees only permanent good to come from it no matter the term of its duration.

The city needs a [illegible] inch water main from the springs seven miles away. It needs water rights in other basins and is now making surveys in the district from which the oil companies are getting water, with steps to gain water rights considered.

With the $10,000 which Mayor Watson feels confident that the voters will approve on January 27 the city will build a concrete water reservoir for the storage of three days supply of water. This will relieve the pumps of a pressure which they work against in pumping water and will enable the water department to maintain a more regular and steady water pressure.

The sewage disposal plant not entirely completed must be finished and improved as soon as practicable and additional paved streets are needed.

Mexia offers the best of inducements to prospective homeseekers here for the boom and will attract many of them to remain, the mayor predicts. In but a few years Mexia will be a city of 20,000 population and will be one of the leading cities of its class in the state. The year 1925 will indeed be a happy new year for Mexia, Mayor Watson says.

Mercury To Drop Again is Forecast

Continued freezing weather was registered in Mexia Friday night and Saturday morning with the lowest point for the 24 hours up to 8 a. m. Saturday set at 20 degrees and the highest at 36, according to Miss Josephine Newman, official weather observer.

Saturday the thermometer went higher than the previous day but colder weather is predicted.

Test Casing, Set Concrete 72 Hrs. Orders JudgeBell

Concrete in wells of the Wortham district must be allowed to set 72 hours and all casing must be tested before drilling in, Judge H. E. Bell, chief supervisor of the oil and gas division of the state railroad commission, has directed.

The chief supervisor was in Mexia Friday looking over operations. The new order, he explained, is necessary as a precaution against leaks and will make it possible to locate water troubles when they do appear.

All operators of the district are being informed of the order of the official. The rush to get production has caused some to cut the period down, it is said, while others follow the rule for their own protection.

The order was given after a careful survey of the situation. Judge Bell was pleased with the operations in the field. He will make Mexia frequently as he tours the operations of the State.

PUBLICATION OF INCOME TAXES IS GIVEN AN IMPETUS

By PAUL R. MALLON
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The movement for complete publicity of income tax returns was given great impetus today when Senator Couzens, Michigan Republican, and chairman of the tax investigation committee announced himself in favor of complete publicity.

Couzens decried the statements of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, administration chieftains and big industrial leaders who claim that the publicity provision of the present tax law is hurting business and the Government's revenues.

Coming from a man who was associated with one of the biggest private businesses in the country, the Ford Motor Company, for years and who himself signed a check to the Government for $8,000,000 in taxes in one year, the statement was given added significance by congressional leaders.

"The plea that tax publicity gives away business secrets is pure bunk," Couzens told the United Press. "Such propaganda is spread without justification, when as a matter of fact every big business man knows that he can find out all he wants to about the financial conditions of his competitors at any time he wishes.

"The trick of getting information concerning your competitors is accomplished by hiring their department heads and has been done for years. It was worked on me several times when I was manager for Ford.

"But most operators of big business do not care particularly what taxes are being paid by their competitors.

"I could walk across the hall right now and look up the taxes paid by every one of my friends. The information has been supplied by the internal revenue bureau for the purpose of our investigation. But I'm not curious and I have not the slightest idea or desire to know what taxes my business friends are paying.

"The one thing that publicity does give is a more honest enforcement of the tax law. There is not the slightest excuse for keeping tax secrets and the only purpose it serves is to encourage dishonesty.

"Our investigation would not have been so necessary had the facts been available for public inspection."

STILL THEY COME

[By United Press]

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—Bandits in an utomobile kidnaped the messenger of the Commercial National Bank, robbed him of $1600 and threw him out of the car.

MERCURY WILL DROP TO 20 FORECASTED

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—The new cold wave sweeping down from the northwest will send the mercury to 10 below in Missouri and Kansas, and extend to the southwest. The skies will remain clear but high wind will cause the cold.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 27.—A cold wave will strike north and central Texas tonight or Sunday, sending the mercury down to 20, the weather bureau forecast.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 27.—Temperatures in the Twin Cities this morning show a drop of 50 degrees from yesterday's high. The reading at 7 a. m. was 20 degrees below zero. Yesterday at 1 p. m. thermometers showed 30 above zero.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 27.—The third cold wave wtihin two weeks struck Nebraska this morning, sending thermometers down 30 to 40 degrees from high points reached yesterday. The reading at 7 a. m. here was 4 below, a drop of 36 degrees in fifteen hours.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—The temperature was dropping fast in Kansas City today. According to the forecast it will be zero here by nightfall. The skies were clear with a biting northwest wind blowing.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Ok., Dec. 27.—The balmy south wind which brought thawing temperatures over Oklahoma yesterday shifted to the north this morning and sharp declining temperatures were in the offing for tonight, according to official weather observers. The minimum temperatures will be 12 degrees above, it was predicted. No precipitation was forecast.

Police Raid Lands Eleven Negroes In Jail on Dice Charge

Crouched on their knees singing and talking to the well known but forbidden cubes known to them as "bones," eleven negroes were surprised late Friday night by a squad of officers under Chief of Police A. R. Mace and taken to the police station where they paid $20.70 each, the minimum fine for the offense of which they pleaded guilty.

There was sufficient money in the Christmas game to obtain the liberty of the dusky citizens, although it had begun to be rather unequally distributed by the time the officers arrived.

"Come you seben," shouted one of the larger members of the party to the more or less faithful African golf balls when Chief Mace responded with:

"Come you leben." The eleven colored boys proved a natural for the officers, who declared the game the most picturesque they have seen in years.

Although their game had been cut short, the eleven did not allow the mere arrest to dampen their spirits and the police headquarters rang with the laughter and merriment as they each in turn blamed the other for the game.

MONDAY'S FIVE BEST RADIO FEATURES

WGY, Schenectady (380m) 7:45 EST St. Mary's choir.

WTAM, Cleveland, (390m) 8 p. m. EST Oldl time program.

KGO, Oakland (312m) 8 p. m. PCST—KGO's educational course.

WOS, Jefferson City (441m) 8 p. m.—CST—Harry Snodgrass, pianist.

WCBD, Zion (345m) 8 p. m.—CST—ZZion male quartet and soloists.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mathis returned Friday night from Dallas where they have been visiting during the holidays.

MCCOY JURY IS KNOTTED WHEN LOCKED UP FOR NIGHT

By HAROLD E. SWISHER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—When the jury in the trial of "Kid" McCoy was locked up for the night shortly after 10 o'clock last night, they stood six to six, the foreman said in reply to a query by Judge Charles Crail.

Throughout the nine hours' deliberation, in which sixty-six ballots were taken, rumors from the jury room said that the majority was in favor of acquittal. One report had it that the balloting was 11 to 1, and that a woman juror stood between the former pugilist and freedom.

At 10 a. m. today the jury will reconvene to continue their attempts to decide whether McCoy is guilty of the murder of Mrs. Theresa Mors, the last of his multitude of sweethearts.

Judge Crail ordered the jury escorted under guard to a down town hotel after the transcript of testimony given by Mrs. Jennie Thomas, McCoy's sister, was read on request. Before the grand jury which indicted her brother, Mrs. Thomas testified he said to her, "I'm afraid I killed that woman." During the present trial she said she could not remember this or anything else McCoy said to her the night Mrs. Mors died.

Walter Terry Has Sister Who Burns To Death Xmas

WORTHAM, December 27.—Walter Terry, drilling for Carter & Lytle on their Edwards No. 1 on the east edge of the townsite, received very sad news late Christmas day from Hobart, Oklahoma. The wire stated that his sister, Florence Hill, married, had burned with 32 others while at a Christmas program Xmas eve. She had not been identified so the tragedy must have taken place under circumstances where the fire burned these victims beyond recognition before being brought under control.

MRS. KAHN IS CANDIDATE

[By United Press]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—A special election to select a successor to the late Congressman Julius Kahn will be held February 17, according to Governor's proclamation. Mrs. Mrs. Kahn and Ray Burr, secretary to Hiram Johnson, are the candidates.

EVERY DAY AFFAIR

[By United Press]

ATHENS, Dec. 27.—Achmed Zogu, leader of a successful revolution in Albania, has formed a new cabinet and plans to dismiss the Albanian diplomatic representative.

FORD-TERRY

A wedding of much interest was solemnized Wednesday night at the First Baptist church, when H. M. Ford of the Jarecki Company and Miss Lois Terry were united in the bonds of sacred wedlock. The wedding was witnessed by a few close friends of this estimable couple, among whom were Miss Hester Beene of San Benito. Rev. Joe Jeffers performed the ceremony.

Oh! Doctor.

Workman—Somefink's wrong inside me stummick, sir. It seems to come up, then go dahn, then up and then dahn agin!

Doctor—My good man, you must have swallowed a lift!—Humorist (London.)

Mrs. J. J. Vannoy from Dallas is visiting friends in Tehuacana and Mexia.

John Morrow of Cincinnati is here for the holidays, a guest in the home of his brother T. F. Morrow.

OLD POLL TAX RECEIPTS GOOD FOR RESERVOIR BOND ELECTION ON JANUARY 27, SAYS OFFICIAL

Voters desiring to express their approval or disapproval of the proposed $40,000 bond issue for a water storage reservoir for Mexia can use their present city poll tax receipts to do so, according to R. D. Morgan, city superintendent.

While the new poll tax receipts are being issued now and must be obtained before February 1, they are not good for elections prior to the latter date.

The poll tax receipts on which voters will cast their ballots are dated "1923" and the new receipts will be dated "1924" showing that the voter has paid his tax for the preceeding year.

Under the provisions of the new city charter at least 25 percent of the voters must cast a ballot in the election or the entire proceedings is void, no matter the majority for or against the proposition. This means, Mr. Morgan points out, that every person interested in the better water system must see that there is as big a vote as possible on election day.

The election will be held on Jan. 27 and efforts are being made to enlist the support of all civic organizations in the drive for voters.

The proposed reservoir would give the people of the city a more steady pressure of water, better fire protection, would insure against an emergency and would enable the city to build for a larger population with sufficient guarantee of an adaquate water supply.

The reservoir is to be built of concrete and will be on a high point in the city. Water from the springs seven miles away would be pumped into the reservoir. At the plant there would be maintained a city pumping plant which would force the water into the standpipe and into the city water circulating system. By this method the pumps at the springs would be relieved of heavy strain of maintaining a pressure for the city, being simply required to pump to the open gate at the reservoir.

During the present cold wave the city has had a difficult time in keeping up pressure, not because of a shortage in water but due to the many broken pipes wasting the water which is pumped.

The city officials see the bond election as one of the most important issues the voters have been asked to approve.

TWO DALLAS BOYS DECIDE WHICH IS BEST SHOT

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 27.—Julius Gordon, 15, is dying and police are seeking Billy Newman, 15, as the result of a shot gun duel. They argued over who was the best shot with an air rifle. Companions obtained shot guns when each walked seventy-five paces, turned and fired. Gordon's face and head are punctured with buckshot, and he has a bare chance to recover.

Police Chief Says New Auto License Needed by Jan. 1

Automobile licenses for 1925 are due on January 1, and it is a violation of the law to operate an automobile after that date without the 1925 license plates, according to Police Chief A. R. Mace, who says that automobile owners should go to the tax collector's office at Groesbeck at once for their new license plates.

Some automobile agencies and banks are acting agents for the automobile owners in securing their plates for them, thus saving the expense and time of a trip to the county seat.

Chauffeur's licenses are also due on January 1, when all operators of automobiles not their own, when receiving pay for their service as operators of the vehicles, must have a chauffeur's license. These are also procurable at the office of the county tax collector on payment of $3.

Out of the state cars are not exempt from the state licenses tax and the time limit on them is the same, the state laws provide.

Hobart Death List Climbs Up To 35

HOBART, Okla., Dec. 27.—With the death list increased to 35, today the grief stricken residents of Babbs Switch continued burying the victims of the school house fire Christmas eve. Mrs. J. P. Noah died today of injuries received when she was trampled on. Four sisters were buried in one grave. Funeral of seven more this afternoon.

Miss Hester Beene of San Saba is on a visit here this holiday season.

ENGLAND VISITED BY GALE AND VESSELS IN DANGER

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Terrific gale lashed Southern England and swept out to sea today, endangering several vessels. Five thousand ton royal mail freighter is in distress in Bay Biscay. Shore life boats were sent to aid the steamer Hilton, ashore in Sully Bay, Bristrol channel. An unidentified steamer flying distress signals at St. Catherines Spit, near the Isle of Wight. Communication to the continent is disrupted. Thames river is reaching the flood stage. Indications of a hurricane of wide spread.

GERMANY DENIES UGLY REPORTS AS PUNK

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—Reports that huge stores of arms were found in Germany is viewed as "diabolically ridiculous" by the German government. That phrase appeared in Die Ziegt, organ of foreign minister Stresemann declaring the allied claims of such a discovery was unfounded. As to the decision that the allies are not to evacuate Cologne the newspaper added. "From this new wrong to Germany serious consequences may come." Disappointment is expressed because of America's failure to intervene in the Cologne question, although it was hoped that Coolidge's ability may influence France.

SUNDAY'S FIVE BEST RADIO FEATURES

WEAF, New York, (492m) and WEEI, Boston (303m) 3:45 p. m. EST—Dr. S. Parkes Cadman and the Sunday men's conference.

WEAF, New York (492m) WEEI Bostn (303m) WJAR, Providence, (360m) and WCAP, Washington, (469m) 7:30 p. m. EST—Roxy and his gang from Capitol theatre, followed at 9:15 p. m. with dinner to Viscunt Cecil, from Hotel Astor.

WLW, Cincinnati, (423m) 8:45 p. m. CST Kopps symphonic ensemble.

WCB, Zion, (345) 8 p. m. Zion mixed quartet and soloists.

WOAW, Omaha (526m) 9 p. m. CST Musical chapel service.

PRODUCTION IS GREATLY ADDED TO BY WEEK END WELLS

Saturday proved to be the banner day in the Wortham Oil field in so-far a new gushers were concerned, adding over 15,000 barrels to the daily yield of the field and lifting it unquestionably to first place in Texas fields.

About midnight, Friday night, the Pure Oil Bounds 2 came in, yielding at the rate of some 4,000 barrels daily, giving that company two wells for the week just closed.

About three hours later, the Sims Marland Calome, North of the Atlantic Humphreys Boyd, Pen et al McCorkle 1 came in for gusher production, of at least 8,000 barrels, being equal to the other two gushers of that area. The E. L. Smith Oil company brought in its Edwards 1 the early part of the week, a south offset to the same test.

Saturday afternoon early the Humble Crouch 1, east of the railroad, was added to the production column, understood to be good for from 4,000 to 5,000 barrels. This proved to be the most important discovery of the day, meaning that a drilling campaign will be inaugurated in that part of pool of extensive proportions.

Several other wells are drilling in and should be added before the week ends. This gives the week six wells, Stroube and Stroube having brought in the well on the Lindley last Wednesday for gusher production. The land on which this well came in on is owned in fee by W. J. Keeling, W. W. Hinchliffe and Harry Moss, all of Mexia and these gentlemen are being congratulated gladly by friends.

Offsetting the Humble Crouch gusher of Saturday, the J. K. Hughes Developing Company owns acreage on which several wells are now going down. This company should join the production column this week.

Cement to Set 72 Hours.

Judge H. E. Bell, Chief Supervisor of the Oil and Gas Division of the Texas Railroad Commission was here Friday, and upon leaving authorized the statement that all operators in the Wortham district are now required to allow cement to set 72 hours before drilling in and this should be followed by through tests so as to help detect the source of any water encroachment.

Succeeded In Her Foolish Desire

CLEVELAND, Dec. 27.—The sixteen year old girl who police say wanted to "experience the thrill of death," died today. She was Ruth Williams and she drank poison in the home of a neighbor. She said: "I'd love to experience the thrill of death." A few minutes later she swallowed the poison.

AGED WOMAN HAS GALL STONE OPERATION AT BROWN HOSPITAL

Mrs. F. Knoff, Sr., 74 years old, 110 North Red River street, underwent an operation for gall stone at the Brown hospital Saturday. Her condition is reported as satisfactory. Mrs. Knoff has long been a resident of Mexia and her family is one of the best known here.

UNKNOWN MAN KILLED WHEN BUILDING FALLS

[By United Press]

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—An unidentifeid man was killed today when a four story building collapsed as the result of overloaded floors. Fire followed but was extinguished in a few minutes. The damage was not determined.

THE WEATHER

Texas—Clear and colder.

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New Impetus Is Given To Trial

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Arrival here today of William D. Shepherd will give new impetus to the investigation of the death of William McClintock, "millionaire orphan." Shepherd, foster father of McClintock, is due here before noon from Albuquerque, N. M., where he went on a visit with Mrs. Shepherd shortly after Billy died.

State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe wants to question Shepherd on his visits to a medical laboratory in 1919 and 1920 while bacteria cultures were being made.

Crowe attaches much importance to information on three visits given by F. T. Breidigan, formerly of the Illinois research laboratory and now of the Battle Creek Sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich.

While employed here, Breidigan said he was visited frequently in his laboratory by Shepherd, at times in the company of a physician and at other times alone.

"During the times that he came alone he engaged me in conversation and discussion of the general work in hand at the time." Breidigan's statement declared. "He remained with me during the visits from one-half hour to two hours. During these visits we discussed typhoid germs.

"He told me he was a registered pharmacist. My recollection is that while he was present in the laboratory we examined cultures and discussed infectuous diseases, their causes and results. He stated he was familiar with chemistry and drugs and was a druggist.

"Whatever work I might have been engaged upon I would continue and Mr. Shepherd would stand beside and observe whatever I might then be doing and discuss it with me. He indicated an inclination toward scientific research and from his general attitude and questions I gathered he was interested in clinical routine.

"During the time Mr. Shepherd was in the laboratory, I now recall that I was examining blood making Wassenman tests, taking blood counts estimation of the number of blood cells, examination for tuberculosis and we would discuss how the above was being done and he would observe and watch my laboratory work in connection with the thing.

"I recall that I had in the laboratory a culture for the purpose of examining typhoid infection."

Shepherd notified his attorneys here that he visited the laboratory simply for the purpose of receiving expert attention for an infection.

Crowe continues to question various physicians connected with the case, but so far "nothing of great importance has developed." The doctors who attended Billy said that death was caused by typhoid.

Shepherd stated that McClintock was of frail stature and aggravated matters by his late hours. McClintock was up early in the morning to attend business college and stayed up far after midnight attending social functions, Shepherd said.

GREAT CAST IN "ARGENTINE LOVE"

"Argentine Love," written directly for motion pictures by the greatest of all Spanish novelists, Vicente Blasco Ibeanez, author of "The Four Horsemen," "Blood and Sand," "Enemies of Women," etc., is a picture with a true-to-type cast if there ever was one.

Everything about the picture is Spanish, and how could one start off better than by the selection of Bebe Daniels and Ricardo Cortez for the principal roles.

Dark-haired, dark-eyed Bebe plays a lovely Spanish senorita, confronted with the old, yet ever-new problem of making a choice between two men—one, played by Cortez, a wealthy young South American who has helped her parents financially and asked her hand in return for the favor; the other a handsome American engineer Bebe, as Consuelo Garcia, meets while at school in the States. James Rennie has this role.

Cortez within the past few months has risen to an enviable position among the screen's younger leading men. His role in "Argentine Love" is one of his own nationality. Rennie, recently seen in the Broadway stage hit, "The Best People," looks every inch the character he portrays.

Miss Daniels and Cortez are featured in "Argentine Love," which will be shown next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the National Theatre. Rennie heads the strong cast playing in support.

Others in prominent roles include Mario Majeroni, last seen with Gloria Swanson in "Her Love Story," Aurelio Coccia, who danced the apache dance with Miss Swanson in "The Humming Bird," Russ Whital, Alice Chapin, Julia Hurley and Mark Gonzales.

The picture was adapted for the screen by John Russell. Gerald Duffy wrote the scenario.

Drs. Carter and Slaughter
announces opening of an office in Wortham for practice of medicine and surgery.

Coming to the National Theatre

Bebe Daniels and Ricardo Cortez in the Paramount Picture 'Argentine Love' An Allan Dwan Production

Grade Crossing Increase, And So Do Accidents

[By United Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Public concern over grade crossing accidents has not prevented a large annual increase in the number of such crossings, according to a statement issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Last year, 3,554 new grade crossings were brought into existence by new railroad construction, elevating the total of grade crossings in the country to 258,736. Against this increase only 1,130 crossings were eliminated. In 1922, there were 4,560 new grade crossings constructed and only 709 eliminated. Thus in two years there has been a net increase of 6,257 grade crossings in the country.

Railroad men say much of this increase may be laid to local real estate development in the vicinity of existing cities.

Promoters lay out new tracts and must cross railroads to get to them. The railroads are flung across the tracts and new hazards for motorists are brought into being.

Statistics show that out of the 258,740 grade crossings in the country more than half of them are in the West, while 72,572 are in the thickly populated regions of the East and 47,474 are in the South.

Only a small fraction of the total is protected by flagmen, gates and signals, while 219,199 have no protection whatever.

A detailed analysis of grade crossing accidents in the various states has been turned out by the Interstate Commerce Commission. It shows that Nevada has the most grade crossing fatalities for the number of automobiles registered with Indiana next and Mississippi third. The most cautious state in the union by far is South Dakota, where few fatalities are recorded.

Protecting railroad crossings materially reduces accidents, the Commission's figures show. The ratio of protected to unprotected crossings is one to five and the accidents are one to twenty and one half.

WANTED TO BUY—Worth the price, small house and lot near the Grammar School. No boom price. See me at Berry-Barnett. S. W. McGraw. 28X2

A properly adjusted tongue runs slower than the mind.

From the People

BY A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE SALVATION ARMY

I want to express my feelings toward the Salvation Army Xmas tree given at the Presbyterian church last night.

The writer had heard so much about the Army, she decided to visit with them last evening.

The expectant youngsters and also their elders were grouped toward the front, and every ear was listening at the rich, clear, voice of the Army Girls Club as they sang. Little children asked for the presence of Santa. Mr. Hughes acted as messenger boy for Santa and kept the children patient until the dear old fellow himself appeared.

Then the real fun began. Deafening noises soon filled the quiet of the church room and the Xmas spirit was on. The gifts from Santa was generous to every child and also the parents.

The writer was more than pleased to be able to attend the wonderful event and to be a silent onlooker and appraiser of Army as a whole and the best organization in the world for the needy. The writer accepted the splendid gifts from Santa for her three small tots and although Santa visited them earlier in the day the gifts from the Army made a complete Xmas and the writer wishes to thank each and every one who made this occasion possible. May you continue to be blessed in work is the prayer of

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OIL MEN—If freight you have paid seemed high, let us recheck your freight bills, and if overcharged will file claim and collect your money. Interstate Freight Adjusting Bureau, Ross Luyben at Hurdleston Hotel. 28X2

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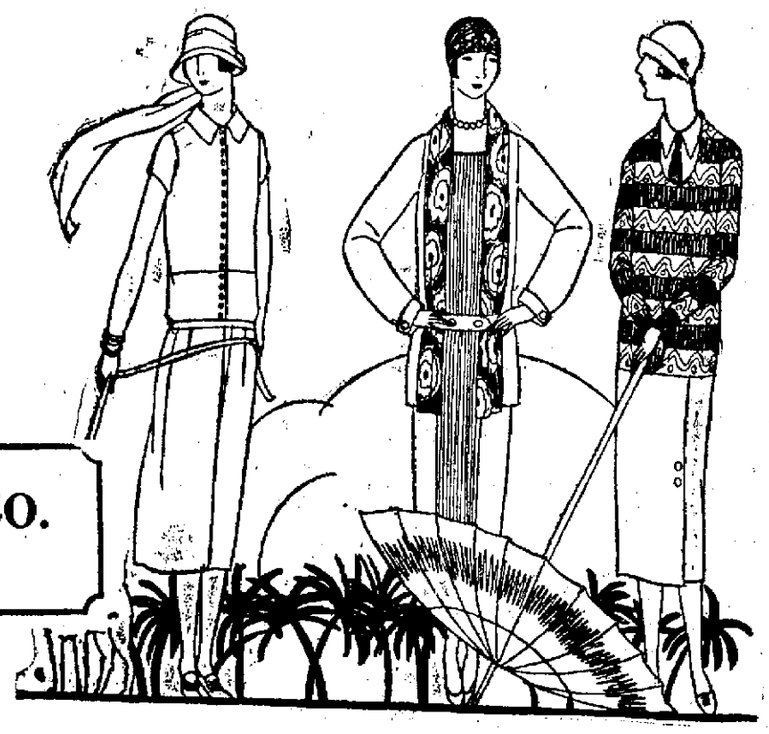

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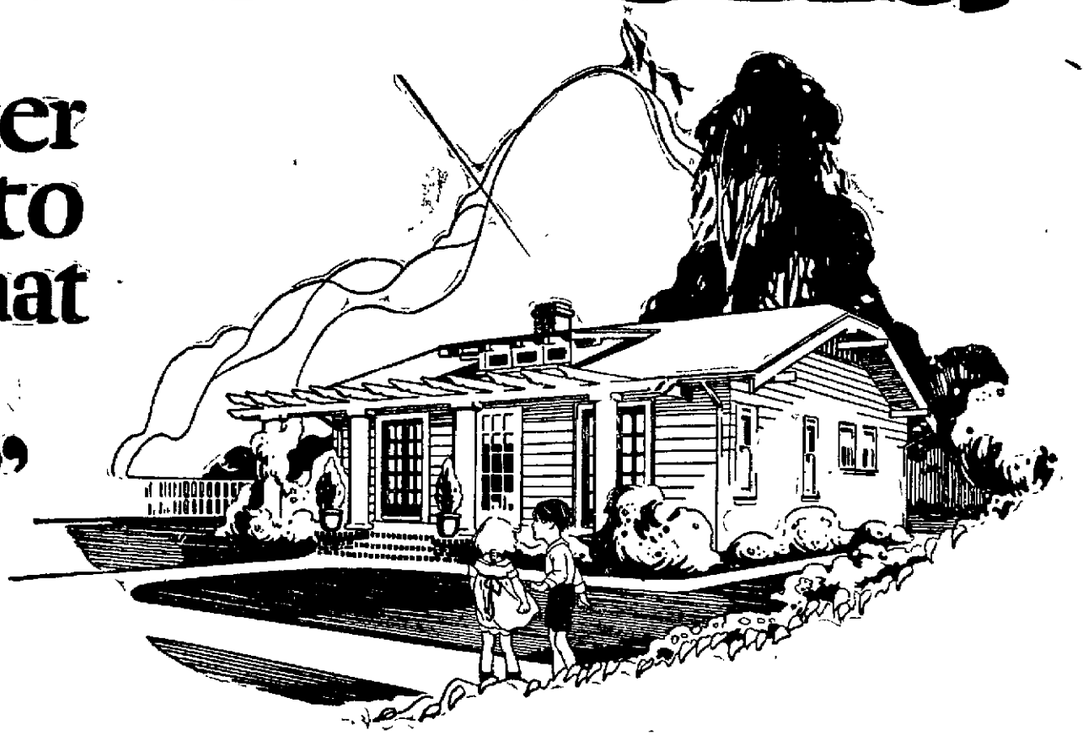

HOMES, MORE HOMES, BETTER HOMES—These are the slogans of today. They are setting the American people to thinking as they never have in the past. We even have a national "Better Homes Week" once a year to impress upon us the importance of having a Home of Our Own, and making that home the best possible.

There is no question about it—the dearest spot on earth to you is home—for it is there you expect to spend at least the greater portion of your life; there the children will be born and live to maturity, and should be reared 'mid ideal surroundings; there the beloved wife will devote the principal part of her time while you are at business and while the kiddies are at school.

Your new home is going to represent the fulfillment of so much in your life, it is wisdom for you to be careful in choosing the location, the plans, the building materials, and its furnishings.

Location plays a large part in the establishment of a successful home; among the things which should be considered are the character and desirability of the neighborhood. A thousand dollars' difference in the price of a lot often spells the difference between a neighborhood which is bound to run down in time and one which will improve with years. Schools, churches, play-grounds, library and transportation services are other conveniences which are inseparable from the desirable homes of today.

The size and style of home will depend entirely upon individual taste, requirements and investment. The bungalow created in various designs to meet climate and building conditions, has in recent years proven itself America's most popular architecture, and, because of their inexpensive construction costs, conveniences and adaptability for any location, are rightfully entitled to the proud position they occupy. The two-story home, however, is, and always will be, adopted by those whose requirements call for a large number of rooms in housing their own families, friends and relatives.

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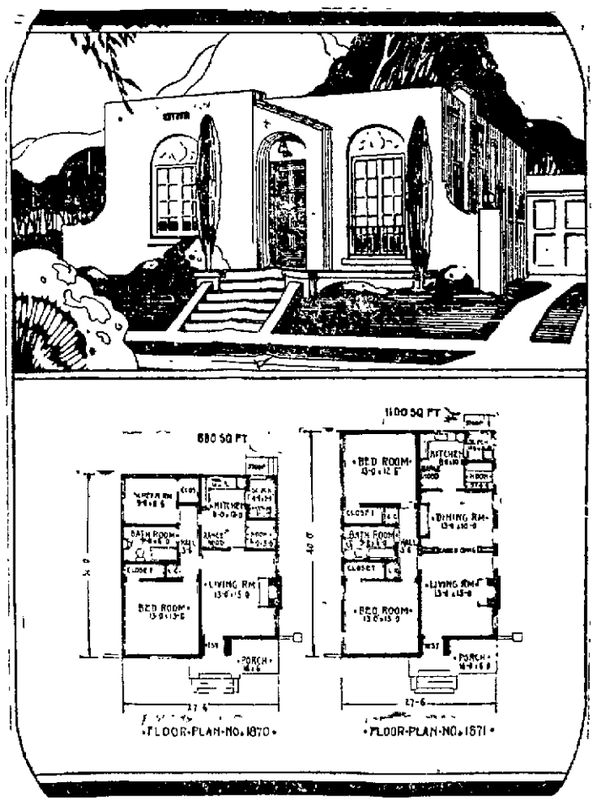

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A COMMUNITY EVIL; A NATIONAL AFFLICTION

In days like these, parents must be wary of the evils of the Public Dance Hall. The public dance hall is a community menace and a National affliction. This fact is recognized by the great statesmen of our country as well as by the great laymen of our churches and the influential ministry. The President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, as well as Presidents before him, has realized that inaugural balls offer examples to the citizenship of America, encouraging the public dance hall. He sees in it no good and Presidential sanction of the public dance by a Presidential Ball in the White House is not to be laid at his door. It is, indeed, a matter to make ladies sorrowful and men gloomy to know that in Texas, at the inauguration of the next Governor, that a Texas lady is to stop the practice of holding inaugural balls again, giving an impetus to the public dance hall craze and evil. In speaking of the public dance, Bob Shuler in his magazine recently said:

$3,524,658 paid last year in New York City to the dance halls for the privilege of dancing And more than 10,000 of the girls who danced in those dance halls entered a life of shame during the twelve months. Such are the startling figures that we face in a New York dispatch dated October 2nd. Another startling fact is that the majority of these girls were of high school age. And yet we find men and women who want us to prepare our children for such a life by giving them education in dancing in our public schools. Shame! It costs New York $352.46 to damn a high school girl by the dance hall route. That's too much to pay for such a result.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

One of the outstanding lawyers of America recently gave utterance to the following "Food for Thought:"

"A few short years ago the home and fireside was the sacred place for family love and affection. This same fireside today is lonely and frequently deserted. Instead, most of those who should hover about the hearth-stone of home can now be found on the roadside or lakeside, in the theatres, or some amusement resort. This is not a sermon on movies or wholesome amusements, nor is it an attack upon the theatre, because there must be amusement to keep up the appetite of the Nation, but the thing to consider is the quality of the amusement. A few weeks ago there appeared in a leading magazine a cartoon bearing the titles of all the popular screen plays of the past year, and it seemed too many of these included subjects which dealt altogether too much with the sex problem and the old but everlasting triangle of life. Think of a situation when the builders of motion pictures reach that point in their profession where they are forced by public appetite to stage such rough stuff, and you can think of the kind of men and women who thrive on it. A people seldom rises higher than the standard of education upon which they are raised. The same thing applies to amusements. Save the home life and you save the boy and girl, and when you save the boy and girl you save the nation.

Portable Refinery Being Set Up In Wortham Oil Area

Through a deal with the Rio Bravo Oil Company, a subsidiary to the Southern Pacific Railroad, which company is drilling on its rightof way in the Wortham district, the Portable Refining Company has set up a plant, similar to one used at Luling, on the H. & T. C. railroad near Wortham. It is expected to be in operation the early part of January and will have a 2500 barrel daily capacity. T. W. Sowell of Dallas, President of the Company, states that it will recover 25 per cent gasoline and 20 per cent kerosene from the Wortham crude. The deal with the Rio Bravo Company is said to be for the purchase of 25 per cent of its production. A flat posted price has been agreed upon for all crude run through the portable plant. H. Englehardt is to be in charge of the plant. The Clayton Oil Company will take 25 per cent of the Rio Bravo production for its Dallas refinery and the other 50 per cent has been contracted for by the Humble Oil and Refining Company.

T. O. LOFLAND JR. HURT ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Little T. O. Lofland Jr. happened to quite a painful accident Xmas afternoon, when he fell and cut quite a gash on his head, but was rushed to Brown Hospital where he received medical attention and is now doing nicely.

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The Texas Power and Light Company has a large force of men at Corsicana building a high power line for the Community Power and Light Company which will serve the oil field.

Many oil men who spent the holidays with their relatives in other place are returning to the field and city.

Miss Lucile Fletcher of Denton is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Leonard Tidwell.

Miss Edna Earle Costley is here from Waco to spend the holidays with relatives.

Misses Mamye and Lorraine Cannon of Temple are spending the holidays with Miss Chubby Costley.

Mrs. M. E. Stoner, mother of Mrs. Leonard Tidwell is visiting her son in Ft. Worth during the holidays.

Mrs. I. Newman is in Dallas, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Cohen, 1911 San Jacinto street.

Everything comes to the man who let the other fellow do the waiting.

Learn to do with diligence what you would do with ease.

UNKNOWN SOLDIER IS IDENTIFIED BY MASONIC CERTIFICATE

STONEHOUSE, Scotland. — An unknown soldier of the Cameron Highlanders, who fell in action in the vicinity of Frozenburg, Belgium, has been identified by means of a Masonic certificate. His name was Will Muir and he lived at Stonehouse, Scotland. The body was discovered recently during the work of exhumation and reburial and on it was found a Masonic certificate issued to Bro. Will Muir of Lodge Union, No. 244, Stonehouse. The certificate was forwarded to the secretary of the Lodge by the Directors of Records, Imperial War Graves Commission, London.

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W. B. Kendrick, chairman of the board of the church, expects a visiting Christian minister in Mexia early in the week for a meeting with the board. A number of able ministers are being considered for the place left by the Rev. Mr. Reaves.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Opera House building, second floor.

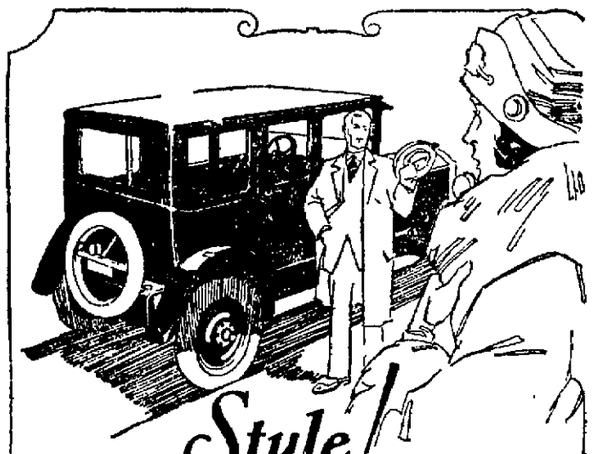
Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Testimonial meeting is on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Reading room, same building, open from 12:30 to 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend these services and visit the reading room.

The Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Reaves and daughter, 711 East Titus street, returned Friday night from Valliant, Oklahoma, where they spent Christmas visiting the parents of Mrs. Reaves. The Rev. Mr. Reaves was formerly pastor of the First Christian Church, resigning to take a simular post at Brady, Texas, his former home. The pastor and his family will move to Brady Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collier are the parents of a 10 1-2 pound baby boy. The youngster arrived at 9 p. m. Friday.



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SMU Not Fearful As To Her Center In Last Contest

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 27.—When the West Virginia Wesleyan Bobcats meet SMU at Fair Park Stadium on New Year's Day in the Dixie Classic between the East and the Southwest, no follower of this section's football believes that the Mustangs will be outplayed at the Scheib, serving his first year on the Buckhannon squad, does have the edge on "Buddie" King, the Dallas veteran, even with his sixteen pound advantage in weight, he will be the first mid line guardian in two years to achieve it.

Scheib weighs 171 pounds and hails from the Arthur Hill School. Critics in the east call him an exceptionally accurate passer and an ideal handler of the job in his combination of weight and speed. He has something yet to learn as most first year players have, but from his promise he should be one of the best centers in the east for the next two years.

Against him is ranged the lithe and agile king, a three year veteran playing his last year for SMU. And what a career his Mustang football has been. He made the squad in 1923 after having lettered as a freshman and alternate dut center with the veteran Daniels. In 1923, Daniels was captain of the squad but it was King who played the regular jam in the middle of the line and who won his way to the all-Conference berth after facing Walker and Brazelton and Coleman.

King weighs only 155 pounds. L60 is his top figure. But he handles himself like a 180-pounder and his work both on offense and defense is sensational. He, too, is an accurate passer. Freeland and Morrison play the center back on defense and have never worried about the outcome as long as Buddie King, light as he is, is in there.

Neither squad carries a real reserve center. Higgins will use one of the guards if he has to change Scheiber. SMU has Red Parks the second string but Goldberg goes to center on defense if necessary.

The seat sale at the Adolphus Pharmacy indicates a healthy attendance on New Year's Day. The sale will be maintained there until noon on January 1.

COX-GLAZENER.

Dr. E. A. Cox of Teague and Mexia, and Miss Marcie Glazener of Fairfield, were married at the Baptist parsonage in Teague Friday, December 26, at 10:30 a. m., Rev. E. Homer Tirey officiating.

Dr. Cox is a prominent physician of Teague and also maintains an office in Mexia. The bride is a member of one of the oldest families in Freestone county, and is popular with a large circle of friends.

We extend hearty congratulations to the happy couple and wish for them a long and happy life.

They will make their home in Teague.

MAYBE HE WILL GROW up to be a senator like his father, Senator Walter Edge of New Jersey. But right now Walter Edge Jr. is more interested in making his blocks stand up.

First Methodist Church.

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Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., and the Epworth Leaguer at 3 and 4 p m.

Acts 11 1-18 is the lesson for study Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Strangers are cordially invited to all these services.

Tax Must Be Paid During January On All City Property

All city taxes is due January 1, and must be paid before the end of that month to avoid a penalty, according to R. D. Morgan, city tax collector. The books are now open for collection of the taxes and payment can be made at any time, the city official says.

A large number of people are making the checks for their taxes for the year so that the item will be charged to this year's expense in their personal accounts and a few payments have been made to the city.

After January 31, a 10 per cent penalty is added as well as a charge of $1, for delinquincy and 6 per cent interest on the amounts overdue.

Assessment of proyerty for the next year's taxes will begin February 1, on all property as of January 1, so that all property standing in the name of an individual on January 1, will be assessed in the coming year's rolls.

Buildings erected during January will not be assessed in the next taxes, the collector points out.

All cigaret heense tax and service car licenses are due on January 1 for the year 1925. The city has no business license tax ordinance.

Dear Santa Claus:

Want to thank you so much for all the nice thinks you brought me Xmas. I am sorry Santa Claus I was bad and you didn't bring my doll a bad, but I'll be a good little girl if you will bring it next Xmas. Thank you again. Sincerely,

MARY JANE CROW.

News Classified Ads get results.

Detroit has a restaurant in which the meals are served by electricity. The diner selects a table, notes on the menu the food he desires, drops the menu through a slot in the table, and waints a minute or two. Presently there is a humming noise, and in the center of the table, on a four-post tray, appears the food he has ordered.

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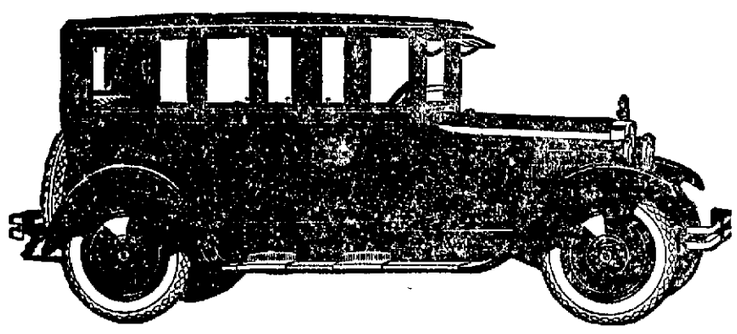

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Pipe Lines Help Meet Problems In Wortham Area

The pipe lines companies, operating at Wortham and throughout this section of Texas, are extending all cooperation possible to operators in the Wortham field and it is declared that this factor is largely responsible for the speed exhibited in the record campaign now being conducted. More than 200 rigs are now in operation and approximately 325 derricks are up. On account of the experience gained in Mexia, Powell, Currie and Richland drillers have learned how to go down the 3,000 feet to the production level with greater speed than they have ever been able to make before. With the pipe line companies ready to take the production as soon as it can, the transportation problem has been solved early in the life of the field, a further stimulus to speed on the part of the drillers. Practically all of the pipe lines are carrying the production to the Gulf Coast. When they become crowded, they will resort to field storage which is being increased as rapidly as weather permits.

Another service extended by the pipe line companies is aid given in solving the water problem. From Dallas, a distance of 80 miles away, the Texas Company has started pumping water through its regular 8 inch line.

The Sun Oil Company is shipping tank car loads of water from Richland, while some companies are treating Wortham sewerage water and using it.

In addition to these efforts a net work of pipe lines for water has been laid to the old Mexia supplies which were resorted to in the drilling campaign of 1921 and 1922.

The year ends with many additional special permits being sought. Chief Supervisor of the Oil and Gas Division, H. E. Bell, was here and in the field Friday, making this trip which he hopes will be the last necessary in connection with his duties, in view of other pressing matters in other parts of the state. The office here is now left in charge of Deputy Supervisor John Locke.

The appearance of some salt water in the Northeast part of the field has not been a subject of such consternation as it invoked in the early days of Mexia, as the problem is now known to be solved.

YUM, YUM, YUM! TURTLE SOUP But cooks must know how to make it. Here Paul Germain, famous chef of continental fame, is giving part of the chef force on the S. S. C. Belgenland instructions on how to prepare the 160-pound turtle. It is a safe bet that too many cooks will do no spoiling

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The steady shipment of oil by rail has greatly increased business over the T. & B. V. and Mr. Werner says the traffic in and out of Mexia is increasing daily. Although some believed the peak of railroad shipments passed, the statement of the railroad agent indicates that the contrary is true.

So greatly has the T. & B. V. traffic increased that 10 extra clerks have been employed in the freight offices to keep records and still more are to be hired.

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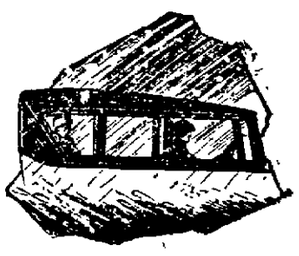

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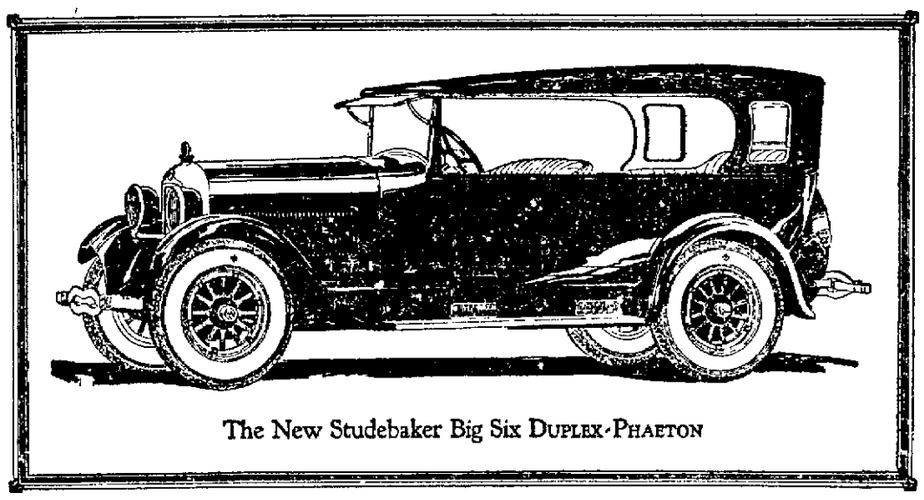

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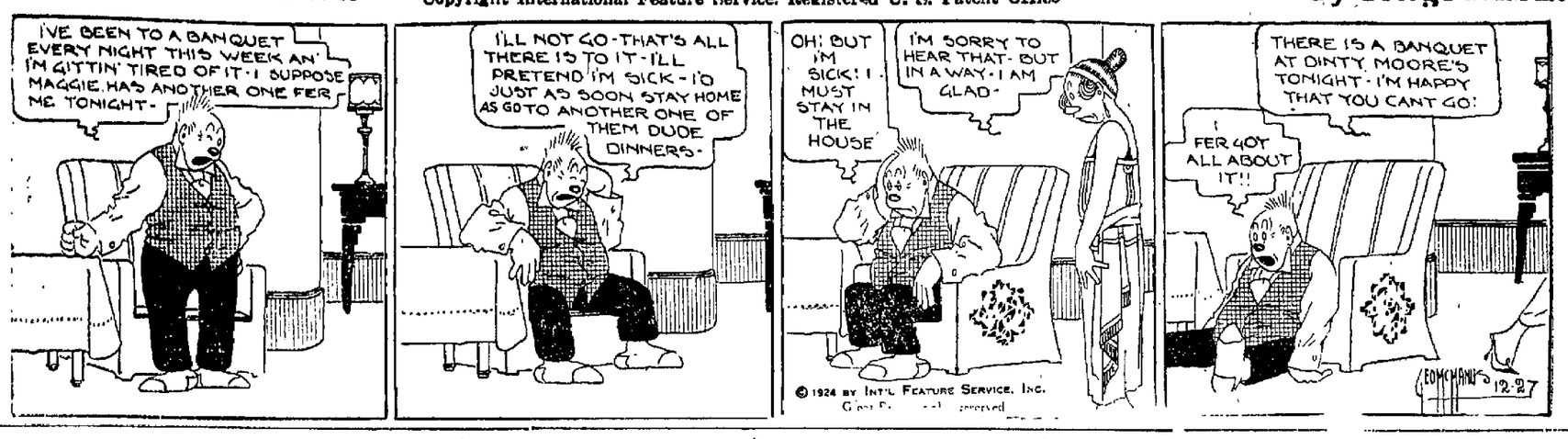
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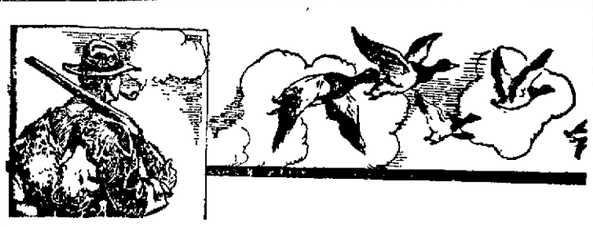

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WILDCATS START UP AGAIN IN SEARCH FOR CRUDE

J. B. Patty et al's Hornbeck 1, located about a mile from Tehuacana and six miles Northwest of here was to resume drilling at around 2900 feet late Saturday or early this week, following a shut down during the late freezes. It is about three miles from the Humphreys Boyd N. B. Boyd, 1, discovery well in the Wortham field and West of it. Considerable lease activity has taken place in the intervening territory during the past month.

Moore Brothers of Mexia are also resuming operations on the E. R. Quimby land, about a half a mile Northwest of the town of Currie. It recently encountered a shallow gas showing similar to that found in drilling in wells at Wortham and other fault fields. Lease buyers have accordingly been attracted in large numbers.

Also Northwest of Currie, the Sun Oil Company has a large block of leases which will be the scene of a drilling campaign by that company the first part of the New Year. Its H. A. Swink 1 early in November extended the gas area of the Richland field about 2000 feet when it brought in its 12,000,000 cubic foot gasser in regular Woodbine sand at 2918 to 2982 feet. The Austin chalk was encountered in this test at 2553 to 2837 feet, surface elevation 425 feet. The production from this gasser was sold to the Lone Star Gas Company.

One of the early developments of the New Year of more than usual significance is expected to be the completion of the Sun E. Swink 1, about 2,000 feet southwest of this gasser which has set cement at 2901, having logged the Austin Chalk at 2512 to 2658, with broken chalk continuing to a depth of around 2700 feet. Favorable geological reports cover the area which is between the Currie and Richland fields.

"Purdah" glass, which takes its name from a Hindu word meaning "curtain," is a special kind of glass so made that while one can see out of a window fitted with it, no one outside can look in.

WINS FORTUNE, BUT LOSES WIFE

Coincidentally with cables from Paris reporting another long-distance stock market coup—this time one of $2,000,000—by Lieutenant Osborne C. Wood, ex-army officer and son of Governor-General Leonard Wood, of the Philippine Islands, comes news from Wilmington, Del., apparently confirming a report that Mrs. Wood intends to sue for divorce. Mrs. Wood, who is at the home of her father near Wilmington, is quoted as declaring she and Wood have reached a parting of the ways. She left Paris for America with the Wood youngsters several months ago.

Tom Gibbons World's Finest Boxer

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Tom Gibbons, an outstanding challenger for the world's heavyweight championship at the age of thirty-five is one of the most extraordinary characters in the history of sport.

Just at the age where the ordinary boxer is all throught, Gibbons, the father of a family five fine boys, is in his physical prime and is just beginning to find himself.

Gibbons for years has been accepted as the finest boxer in the world. Some of his admirers go farther and claim that no boxer ever lived who had perfected defensive skill that Gibbons has developed. In his memorable contest with Jack Dempsey in Shelby, when he held off the world's champion and survived fifteen rounds without a mark from a fair punch, he proved himself the hardest man in the world to hit.

The very perfection of that defense, however, resulted in the only defeat in his fighting equipment that critics could find. He lacked the aggressive offense and that spirit which is classed in ring parlance as "savagery," they said.

Some of those who were familiar with his private life and his moral equipment said that he was made to be a priest instead of a pugilistic champion.

The theory that a perfect offense is the best defense has been proved by many examples, particularly that of Dempsey, whose defense is a negative factor in his fights. Dempsey has learned in several experiences, but with the exception of the Gibbons fight, the champion's man has always finished on the floor. But, on the other hand, there is no case within the easy reach of memory where a perfect defense and a negligible offense won a championship.

Until his recent fight against Kid Norfolk in Madison Square Garden, Gibbons always had waited for his opponent to give him an opening for an accurate shot instead of pounding the opening himself. His fight with Norfolk was a revelation to the Gibbons fans. He started on the offense and remained the aggressor until Norfolk was being dragged to his corner by the refereen in the sixth round. He beat down the defense of Norfolk and crashed thru his guard to find vital spots on the body and head. There was nothing of the savage scowl on his face that Dempsey wears in the ring but there was a determined look in his eyes and his jaw was set as only a Celt can set. He won the fight by smashing a right hand through to the body and hooking a left to the head when Norfolk's hands dropped to protect his stomach. He switched the left to the body and the right to the head.

There were seated in the press box at least a dozen writers who had seen the Dempsey-Gibbons fight. Some of them came back from Shelby with a poor opinion of Gibbons and with stories ready for print that it was a "carry" and that Dempsey did not win by a knockout only because he didn't want to win that way for business reasons.

The very writers who had scoffed at the demands of Gibbons for a return fight were the loudest in their praise of the Gibbons who displayed such artistry in his victory over Norfolw. "There is the real Gibbons," it was said in the press pit after the fight. "There is Gibbons as the fighter and not as the master boxer."

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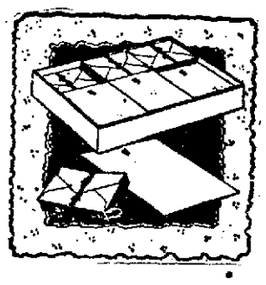

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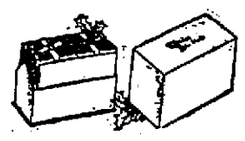

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During 1925 Mexia will experience a healthy growth, increased business and general prosperity, according to the prediction of Mayor Ernest Watson, who says that the city is building for a population of 20,000 people.

No building excitement nor a campaign which will leave the city with many vacant buildings after the "boom" is over is to be seen, the mayor says, but just a normal permanent growth.

"We are building for a city of 20,000 or more," Mayor Watson says, in looking over the plant of the city in its permanent improvements.

The city is taking steps to protect a water supply for more than 20,000 people and the sewerage disposal plant is to be improved and completed so that the health of the city will be assured.

Improvement of highways leading into the city through the recent bond issue will increase the rural trade with the city and make Mexia again the agricultural trading center of a wide district.

After the oil boom has settled down many permanent improvements will remain to the city, many citizens made independent by their investments in the oil enterprises will build better homes and many of the workers here for the rush will decide that there is no better place to live than Mexia and will reside here.

Additional industries are to be the result with the increased payroll coming in.

Mexia has experienced other booms and has profited by the lessons learned, Mayor Watson says. It knows how to absorb 5,000 additional people with comparatively little trouble and also knows how to settle back to normal operation without a panic. The mayor made no prediction of the length of the present boom but sees only permanent good to come from it no matter the term of its duration.

The city needs a 12 inch water main from the springs seven miles away. It needs water rights in other basins and is now making surveys in the district from which the oil companies are getting water, with steps to gain water rights considered.

With the $40,000 which Mayor Watson feels confident that the voters will approve on January 27 the city will build a concrete water reservoir for the storage of three days supply of water. This will relieve the pumps of a pressure which they work against in pumping water and will enable the water department to maintain a more regular and steady water pressure.

The sewage disposal plant not entirely completed must be finished and improved as soon as practicable and additional paved streets are needed.

Mexia offers the best of inducements to prospective homeseekers here for the boom and will attract many of them to remain, the mayor predicts. In but a few years Mexia will be a city of 20,000 population and will be one of the leading cities of its class in the state. The year 1925 will indeed be a happy new year for Mexia, Mayor Watson says.

Mercury To Drop Again is Forecast

Continued freezing weather was registered in Mexia Friday night and Saturday morning with the lewest point for the 24 hours up to 8 a. m. Saturday set at 20 degrees and the highest at 36, according to Miss Josephine Newman, official weather observer.

Saturday the thermometer went higher than the previous day but colder weather is predicted.

Test Casing, Set Concrete 72 Hrs. Orders Judge Bell

Concrete in wells of the Wortham district must be allowed to set 72 hours and all casing must be tested before drilling in, Judge H. E. Bell, chief supervisor of the oil and gas division of the state railroad commission, has directed.

The chief supervisor was in Mexia Friday looking over operations. The new order, he explained, is necessary as a precaution against leaks and will make it possible to locate water troubles when they do appear.

All operators of the district are being informed of the order of the official. The rush to get production has caused some to cut the period down, it is said, while others follow the rule for their own protection.

The order was given after a careful survey of the situation. Judge Bell was pleased with the operations in the field. He will make Mexia frequently as he tours the operations of the State.

PUBLICATION OF INCOME TAXES IS GIVEN AN IMPETUS

By PAUL R. MALLON
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The movement for complete publicity of income tax returns was given great impetus today when Senator Couzens, Michigan Republican, and chairman of the tax investigation committee announced himself in favor of complete publicity.

Couzens decried the statements of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, administration chieftains and big industrial leaders who claim that the publicity provision of the present tax law is hurting business and the Government's revenues.

Coming from a man who was associated with one of the biggest private businesses in the country, the Ford Motor Company, for years and who himself signed a check to the Government for $8,000,000 in taxes in one year, the statement was given added significance by congressional leaders.

"The plea that tax publicity gives away business secrets is pure bunk," Couzens told the United Press. "Such propaganda is spread without justification, when as a matter of fact every big business man knows that he can find out all he wants to about the financial conditions of his competitors at any time he wishes.

"The trick of getting information concerning your competitors is accomplished by hiring their department heads and has been done for years. It was worked on me several times when I was manager for Ford.

"But most operators of big business do not care particularly what taxes are being paid by their competitors.

"I could walk across the hall right now and look up the taxes paid by every one of my friends. The information has been supplied by the internal revenue bureau for the purpose of our investigation. But I'm not curious and I have not the slightest idea or desire to know what taxes my business friends are paying.

"The one thing that publicity does give is a more honest enforcement of the tax law. There is not the slightest excuse for keeping tax secrets and the only purpose it serves is to encourage dishonesty.

"Our investigation would not have been so necessary had the facts been available for public inspection."

STILL THEY COME

[By United Press]

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—Bandits in an utomobile kidnaped the messenger of the Commercial National Bank, robbed him of $1600 and threw him out of the car.

MERCURY WILL DROP TO 20 FORECASTED

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—The new cold wave sweeping down from the northwest will send the mercury to 10 below in Missouri and Kansas, and extend to the southwest. The skies will remain clear but high wind will cause the cold.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 27.—A cold wave will strike north and central Texas tonight or Sunday, sending the mercury down to 20, the weather bureau forecast.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 27.—Temperatures in the Twin Cities this morning show a drop of 50 degrees from yesterday's high. The reading at 7 a. m. was 20 degrees below zero. Yesterday at 1 p. m. thermometers showed 30 above zero.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 27.—The third cold wave wtihin two weeks struck Nebraska this morning, sending thermometers down 30 to 40 degrees from high points reached yesterday. The reading at 7 a. m. here was 4 below, a drop of 36 degrees in fifteen hours.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—The temperature was dropping fast in Kansas City today. According to the forecast it will be zero here by nightfall. The skies were clear with a biting northwest wind blowing.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Ok., Dec. 27.—The balmy south wind which brought thawing temperatures over Oklahoma yesterday shifted to the north this morning and sharp declining temperatures were in the offing for tonight, according to official weather observers. The minimum temperatures will be 12 degrees above, it was predicted. No precipitation was forecast.

Police Raid Lands Eleven Negroes In Jail on Dice Charge

Crouched on their knees singing and talking to the well known but forbidden cubes known to them as "bones," eleven negroes were surprised late Friday night by a squad of officers under Chief of Police A. R. Mace and taken to the police station where they paid $20.70 each, the minimum fine for the offense of which they pleaded guilty.

There was sufficient money in the Christmas game to obtain the liberty of the dusky citizens, although it had begun to be rather unequally distributed by the time the officers arrived.

"Come you seben," shouted one of the larger members of the party to the more or less faithful African golf balls when Chief Mace responded with:

"Come you leben." The eleven colored boys proved a natural for the officers, who declared the game the most picturesque they have seen in years.

Although their game had been cut short, the eleven did not allow the mere arrest to dampen their spirits and the police headquarters rang with the laughter and merriment as they each in turn blamed the other for the game.

MONDAY'S FIVE BEST RADIO FEATURES

WGY, Schenectady (380m) 7:45 EST St. Mary's choir.

WTAM, Cleveland, (390m) 8 p. m. EST Old time program.

KGO, Oakland (312m) 8 p. m. PCST—KGO's educational course.

WOS, Jefferson City (441m) 8 p. m.—CST—Harry Snodgrass, pianist.

WCBD, Zion (345m) 8 p. m.—CST—ZZion male quartet and soloists.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mathis returned Friday night from Dallas where they have been visiting during the holidays.

MCCOY JURY IS KNOTTED WHEN LOCKED UP FOR NIGHT

By HAROLD E. SWISHER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—When the jury in the trial of "Kid" McCoy was locked up for the night shortly after 10 o'clock last night, they stood six to six, the foreman said in reply to a query by Judge Charles Crail.

Throughout the nine hours' deliberation, in which sixty-six ballots were taken, rumors from the jury room said that the majority was in favor of acquittal. One report had it that the balloting was 11 to 1, and that a woman juror stood between the former pugilist and freedom.

At 10 a. m. today the jury will reconvene to continue their attempts to decide whether McCoy is guilty of the murder of Mrs. Theresa Mors, the last of his multitude of sweethearts.

Judge Crail ordered the jury escorted under guard to a down town hotel after the transcript of testimony given by Mrs. Jennie Thomas, McCoy's sister, was read on request. Before the grand jury which indicted her brother, Mrs. Thomas testified he said to her, "I'm afraid I killed that woman." During the present trial she said she could not remember this or anything else McCoy said to her the night Mrs. Mors died.

Walter Terry Has Sister Who Burns To Death Xmas

WORTHAM, December 27.—Walter Terry, drilling for Carter & Lytle on their Edwards No. 1 on the east edge of the townsite, received very sad news late Christmas day from Hobart, Oklahoma. The wire stated that his sister, Florence Hill, married, had burned with 32 others while at a Christmas program Xmas eve. She had not been identified so the tragedy must have taken place under circumstances where the fire burned these victims beyond recognition before being brought under control.

MRS. KAHN IS CANDIDATE

[By United Press]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—A special election to select a successor to the late Congressman Julius Kahn will be held February 17, according to Governor's proclamation. Mrs. Mrs. Kahn and Ray Burr, secretary to Hiram Johnson, are the candidates.

EVERY DAY AFFAIR

[By United Press]

ATHENS, Dec. 27.—Achmed Zogu, leader of a successful revolution in Albania, has formed a new cabinet and plans to dismiss the Albanian diplomatic representative.

FORD-TERRY

A wedding of much interest was solemnized Wednesday night at the First Baptist church, when H. M. Ford of the Jarecki Company and Miss Lois Terry were united in the bonds of sacred wedlock. The wedding was witnessed by a few close friends of this estimable couple, among whom were Miss Hester Beene of San Benito. Rev. Joe Jeffers performed the ceremony.

Oh! Doctor.

Workman—Somefink's wrong inside me stummick, sir. It seems to come up, then go dahn, then up and then dahn agin!

Doctor—My good man, you must have swallowed a lift!—Humorist (London.)

Mrs. J. J. Vannoy from Dallas is visiting friends in Tehuacana and Mexia.

John Morrow of Cincinnati is here for the holidays, a guest in the home of his brother T. F. Morrow.

OLD POLL TAX RECEIPTS GOOD FOR RESERVOIR BOND ELECTION ON JANUARY 27, SAYS OFFICIAL

Voters desiring to express their approval or disapproval of the proposed $40,000 bond issue for a water storage reservoir for Mexia can use their present city poll tax receipts to do so, according to R. D. Morgan, city superintendent.

While the new poll tax receipts are being issued now and must be obtained before February 1, they are not good for elections prior to the latter date.

The poll tax receipts on which voters will cast their ballots are dated "1923" and the new receipts will be dated "1924" showing that the voter has paid his tax for the preceeding year.

Under the provisions of the new city charter at least 25 percent of the voters must cast a ballot in the election or the entire proceedings is void, no matter the majority for or against the proposition. This means, Mr. Morgan points out, that every person interested in the better water system must see that there is as big a vote as possible on election day.

The election will be held on Jan. 27 and efforts are being made to enlist the support of all civic organizations in the drive for voters.

The proposed reservoir would give the people of the city a more steady pressure of water, better fire protection, would insure against an emergency and would enable the city to build for a larger population with sufficient guarantee of an adaquate water supply.

The reservoir is to be built of concrete and will be on a high point in the city. Water from the springs seven miles away would be pumped into the reservoir. At the plant there would be maintained a city pumping plant which would force the water into the standpipe and into the city water circulating system. By this method the pumps at the springs would be relieved of heavy strain of maintaining a pressure for the city, being simply required to pump to the open gate at the reservoir.

During the present cold wave the city has had a difficult time in keeping up pressure, not because of a shortage in water but due to the many broken pipes wasting the water which is pumped.

The city officials see the bond election as one of the most important issues the voters have been asked to approve.

TWO DALLAS BOYS DECIDE WHICH IS BEST SHOT

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 27.—Julius Gordon, 15, is dying and police are seeking Billy Newman, 15, as the result of a shot gun duel. They argued over who was the best shot with an air rifle. Companions obtained shot guns when each walked seventy-five paces, turned and fired. Gordon's face and head are punctured with buckshot, and he has a bare chance to recover.

Police Chief Says New Auto License Needed by Jan. 1

Automobile licenses for 1925 are due on January 1, and it is a violation of the law to operate an automobile after that date without the 1925 license plates, according to Police Chief A. R. Mace, who says that automobile owners should go to the tax collector's office at Groesbeck at once for their new license plates.

Some automobile agencies and banks are acting agents for the automobile owners in securing their plates for them, thus saving the expense and time of a trip to the county seat.

Chauffeur's licenses are also due on January 1, when all operators of automobiles not their own, when receiving pay for their service as operators of the vehicles, must have a chauffeur's license. These are also procurable at the office of the county tax collector on payment of $3.

Out of the state cars are not exempt from the state licenses tax and the time limit on them is the same, the state laws provide.

Hobart Death List Climbs Up To 35

HOBART, Okla., Dec. 27.—With the death list increased to 35, today the grief stricken residents of Babbs Switch continued burying the victims of the school house fire Christmas eve. Mrs. J. P. Noah died today of injuries received when she was trampled on. Four sisters were buried in one grave. Funeral of seven more this afternoon.

Miss Hester Beene of San Saba is on a visit here this holiday season.

ENGLAND VISITED BY GALE AND VESSELS IN DANGER

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Terrific gale lashed Southern England and swept out to sea today, endangering several vessels. Five thousand ton royal mail freighter is in distress in Bay Biscay. Shore life boats were sent to aid the steamer Hilton, ashore in Sully Bay, Bristrol channel. An undentified steamer flying distress signals at St. Catherines Spit, near the Isle of Wight. Communication to the continent is disrupted. Thames river is reaching the flood stage. Indications of a huricane of wide spread.

GERMANY DENIES UGLY REPORTS AS PUNK

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—Reports that huge stores of arms were found in Germany is viewed as "diabolically ridiculous" by the German government. That phrase appeared in Die Ziegt, organ of foreign minister Stresemann declaring the allied claims of such a discovery was unfounded. As to the decision that the allies are not to evacuate Cologne the newspaper added. "From this new wrong to Germany serious consequences may come." Disappointment is expressed because of America's failure to intervene in the Cologne question, although it was hoped that Coolidge's ability may influence France.

SUNDAY'S FIVE BEST RADIO FEATURES

WEAF, New York, (492m) and WEEI, Boston (303m) 3:45 p. m. EST—Dr. S. Parkes Cadman and the Sunday men's conference.

WEAF, New York (492m) WEEI Bostn (303m) WJAR, Providence, (360m) and WCAP, Washington, (469m) 7:30 p. m. EST—Roxy and his gang from Capitol theatre, followed at 9:15 p. m. with dinner to Viscunt Cecil, from Hotel Astor.

WLW, Cincinnati, (423m) 8:45 p. m. CST Kopps symphonic ensemble.

WCB, Zion, (345) 8 p. m. Zion mixed quartet and soloists.

WOAW, Omaha (526m) 9 p. m. CST Musical chapel service.

PRODUCTION IS GREATLY ADDED TO BY WEEK END WELLS

Saturday proved to be the banner day in the Wortham Oil field in so-far a new gushers were concerned, adding over 15,000 barrels to the daily yield of the field and lifting it unquestionably to first place in Texas fields.

About midnight, Friday night, the Pure Oil Bounds 2 came in, yielding at the rate of some 4,000 barrels daily, giving that company two wells for the week just closed.

About three hours later, the Sims Marland Calome, North of the Atlantic Humphreys Boyd, Pen et al McCorkle 1 came in for gusher production, of at least 8,000 barrels, being equal to the other two gushers of that area. The E. L. Smith Oil company brought in its Edwards 1 the early part of the week, a south offset to the same test.

Saturday afternoon early the Humble Crouch 1, east of the railroad, was added to the production column, understood to be good for from 4,000 to 5,000 barrels. This proved to be the most important discovery of the day, meaning that a drilling campaign will be inaugurated in that part of pool of extensive proportions.

Several other wells are drilling in and should be added before the week ends. This gives the week six wells, Stroube and Stroube having brought in the well on the Lindley last Wednesday for gusher production. The land on which this well came in on is owned in fee by W. J. Keeling, W. W. Hinchliffe and Harry Moss, all of Mexia and these gentlemen are being congratulated gladly by friends.

Offsetting the Humble Crouch gusher of Saturday, the J. K. Hughes Developing Company owns acreage on which several wells are now going down. This company should join the production column this week.

Cement to Set 72 Hours.

Judge H. E. Bell, Chief Supervisor of the Oil and Gas Division of the Texas Railroad Commission was here Friday, and upon leaving authorized the statement that all operators in the Wortham district are now required to allow cement to set 72 hours before drilling in and this should be followed by through tests so as to help detect the source of any water encroachment.

Succeeded In Her Foolish Desire

CLEVELAND, Dec. 27.—The sixteen year old girl who police say wanted to "experience the thrill of death," died today. She was Ruth Williams and she drank poison in the home of a neighbor. She said: "I'd love to experience the thrill of death." A few minutes later she swallowed the poison.

AGED WOMAN HAS GALL STONE OPERATION AT BROWN HOSPITAL

Mrs. F. Knoff, Sr., 74 years old, 110 North Red River street, underwent an operation for gall stone at the Brown hospital Saturday. Her condition is reported as satisfactory. Mrs. Knoff has long been a resident of Mexia and her family is one of the best known here.

UNKNOWN MAN KILLED WHEN BUILDING FALLS

[By United Press]

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—An unidentifeid man was killed today when a four story building collapsed as the result of overloaded floors. Fire followed but was extinguished in a few minutes. The damage was not determined.

THE WEATHER

Texas—Clear and colder.

New Impetus Is Given To Trial

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Arrival here today of William D. Shepherd will give new impetus to the investigation of the death of William McClintock, "millionaire orphan." Shepherd, foster father of McClintock, is due here before noon from Albuquerque, N. M., where he went on a visit with Mrs. Shepherd shortly after Billy died.

State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe wants to question Shepherd on his visits to a medical laboratory in 1919 and 1920 while bacteria cultures were being made.

Crowe attaches much importance to information on three visits given by F. T. Breidigan, formerly of the Illinois research laboratory and now of the Battle Creek Sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich.

While employed here, Breidigan said he was visited frequently in his laboratory by Shepherd, at times in the company of a physician and at other times alone.

"During the times that he came alone he engaged me in conversation and discussion of the general work in hand at the time," Breidigan's statement declared. "He remained with me during the visits from one-half hour to two hours. During these visits we discussed typhoid germs.

"He told me he was a registered pharmacist. My recollection is that while he was present in the laboratory we examined cultures and discussed infectuous diseases, their causes and results. He stated he was familiar with chemistry and drugs and was a druggist.

"Whatever work I might have been engaged upon I would continue and Mr. Shepherd would stand beside and observe whatever I might then be doing and discuss it with me. He indicated an inclination toward scientific research and from his general attitude and questions I gathered he was interested in clinical routine

"During the time Mr. Shepherd was in the laboratory, I now recall that I was examining blood making Wasserman tests, taking blood counts estimation of the number of blood cells, examination for tuberculosis and we would discuss how the above was being done and he would observe and watch my laboratory work in connection with the thing.

"I recall that I had in the laboratory a culture for the purpose of examining typhoid infection."

Shepherd notified his attorneys here that he visited the laboratory simply for the purpose of receiving expert attention for an infection.

Crowe continues to question various physicians connected with the case, but so far "nothing of great importance has developed:" The doctors who attended Billy said that death was caused by typhoid.

Shepherd stated that McClintock was of frail stature and aggravated matters by his late hours. McClintock was up early in the morning to attend business college and stayed up far after midnight attending social functions, Shepherd said.

GREAT CAST IN "ARGENTINE LOVE"

"Argentine Love," written directly for motion pictures by the greatest of all Spanish novelists, Vicento Blasco Ibeanez, author of "The Four Horsemen," "Blood and Sand," "Enemies of Women," etc., is a picture with a true-to-type cast if there ever was one.

Everything about the picture is Spanish, and how could one start off better than by the selection of Bebe Daniels and Ricardo Cortez for the principal roles.

Dark-haired, dark-eyed Bebe plays a lovely Spanish senorita, confronted with the old, yet ever-new problem of making a choice between two men —one, played by Cortez, a wealthy young South American who has helped her parents financially and asked her hand in return for the favor; the other a handsome American engineer Bebe, as Consuelo Garcia, meets while at school in the States. James Rennie has this role.

Cortez within the past few months has risen to an enviable position among the screen's younger leading men. His role in "Argentine Love" is one of his own nationality. Rennie, recently seen in the Broadway stage hit, "The Best People," looks every inch the character he portrays.

Miss Daniels and Cortez are featured in "Argentine Love," which will be shown next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the National Theatre. Rennie heads the strong cast playing in support.

Others in prominent roles include Mario Majeroni, last seen with Gloria Swanson in "Her Love Story," Aurelio Coccia, who danced the apache dance with Miss Swanson in "The Humming Bird," Russ Whital, Alice Chapin, Julia Hurley and Mark Gonzales.

The picture was adapted for the screen by John Russell. Gerald Duffy wrote the scenario.

Drs. Carter and Slaughter
announces opening of an office in Wortham for practice of medicine and surgery.

Coming to the National Theatre

Bebe Daniels and Ricardo Cortez in the Paramount Picture "Argentine Love" An Allan Dwan Production

Grade Crossing Increase, And So Do Accidents

[By United Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Public concern over grade crossing accidents has not prevented a large annual increase in the number of such crossings, according to a statement issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Last year, 3,554 new grade crossings were brought into existence by new railroad construction, elevating the total of grade crossings in the country to 258,786. Against this increase only 1,130 crossings were eliminated. In 1922, there were 4,560 new grade crossings constructed and only 709 eliminated. Thus in two years there has been a net increase of 6,257 grade crossings in the country.

Railroad men say much of this increase may be laid to local real estate development in the vicinity of existing cities.

Promoters lay out new tracts and must cross railroads to get to them. The railroads are flung across the tracts and new hazards for motorists are brought into being.

Statistics show that out of the 258,710 grade crossings in the country more than half of them are in the West, while 72,572 are in the thickly populated regions of the East and 47,474 are in the South.

Only a small fraction of the total is protected by flagmen, gates and signals, while 219,199 have no protection whatever.

A detailed analysis of grade crossing accidents in the various states has been turned out by the Interstate Commerce Commission. It shows that Nevada has the most grade crossing fatalities for the number of automobiles registered with Indiana next and Mississippi third. The most cautious state in the union by far is South Dakota, where few fatalities are recorded.

Protecting railroad crossings materially reduces accidents, the Commission's figures show. The ratio of protected to unprotected crossings is one to five and the accidents are one to twenty and one half.

WANTED TO BUY—Worth the price, small house and lot near the Grammar School. No boom price. See me at Berry-Barnett. S. W. McGraw. 28X2

A properly adjusted tongue runs slower than the mind.

From the People

BY A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE SALVATION ARMY

I want to express my feelings toward the Salvation Army Xmas tree given at the Presbyterian church last night.

The writer had heard so much about the Army, she decided to visit with them last evening.

The expectant youngsters and also their elders were grouped toward the front, and every ear was listening at the rich, clear, voice of the Army Girls Club as they sang. Little children asked for the presence of Santa. Mr. Hughes acted as messenger boy for Santa and kept the children patient until the dear old fellow himself appeared.

Then the real fun began. Deafening noises soon filled the quiet of the church room and the Xmas spirit was on. The gifts from Santa was generous to every child and also the parents.

The writer was more than pleased to be able to attend the wonderful event and to be a silent onlooker and appraiser of Army as a whole and the best organization in the world for the needy.. The writer accepted the splendid gifts from Santa for her three small tots and although Santa visited them earlier in the day the gifts from the Army made a complete Xmas and the writer wishes to thank each and every one who made this occasion possible. May you continue to be blessed in work is the prayer of

A CONTRIBUTOR.

FOR SALE—One 6⅝ inch control head and nipple; one 6⅝ inch gate valve and nipple; one casing clamp; 22-foot joint of 5 inch perforated pipe; 4 joints of 4½ inch pipe. Two 250-barrel cypress tanks and hoops Room 1 White Building; phone 659. 28X3

OIL MEN—If freight you have paid seemed high, let us recheck your freight bills, and if overcharged will file claim and collect your money. Interstate Freight Adjusting Bureau, Ross Luyben at Hurdleston Hotel. 28X2

FOR RENT—Two nicely furnished rooms for men, in private home, all conveniences. 734 S. McKinney St. Phone 332-W. 28X2

FOR RENT—One front bed room. All modern conveniences, close in. See Mrs. Shelton at Karner-Phillips. Call 227-J at 6:30 o'clock. 28X2

BOARD AND ROOM for four men with all conveniences. Apply at 1003 East Bowie street. 28X1

VAUDEVILLE at the OPERA HOUSE
Change of Program Monday and Thursday

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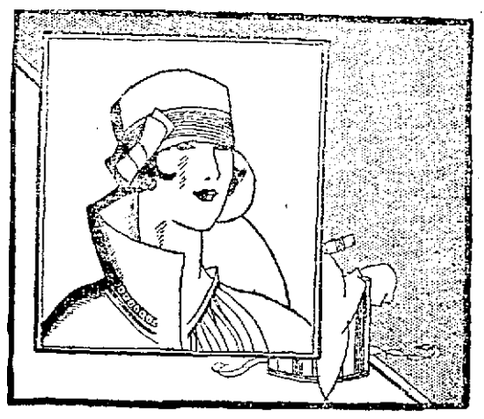
NEW SPRING MILLINERY



Millinery Whispers a Hint of Spring

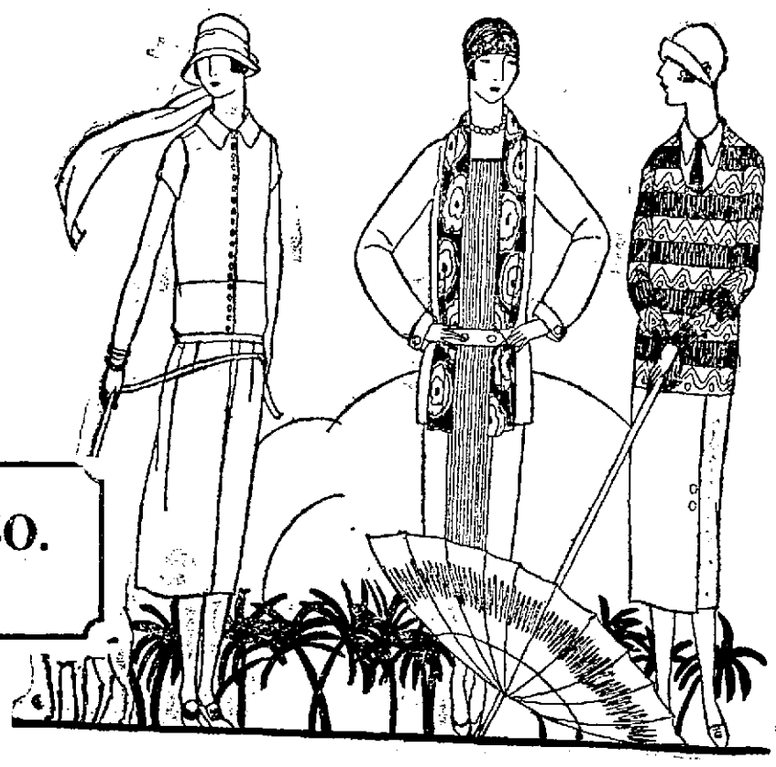
New Hats of satin and felt bear tidings of the next season, in surprising novelties in shape and trimming. Each model has its own claim to distinction.

Priced from $4.95 to $14.95

NEW SPRING DRESSES

These are charming modes, distinctive and ultra smart. We suggest an early visit while selection is at its best.

Priced:
$29.50 to $49.50



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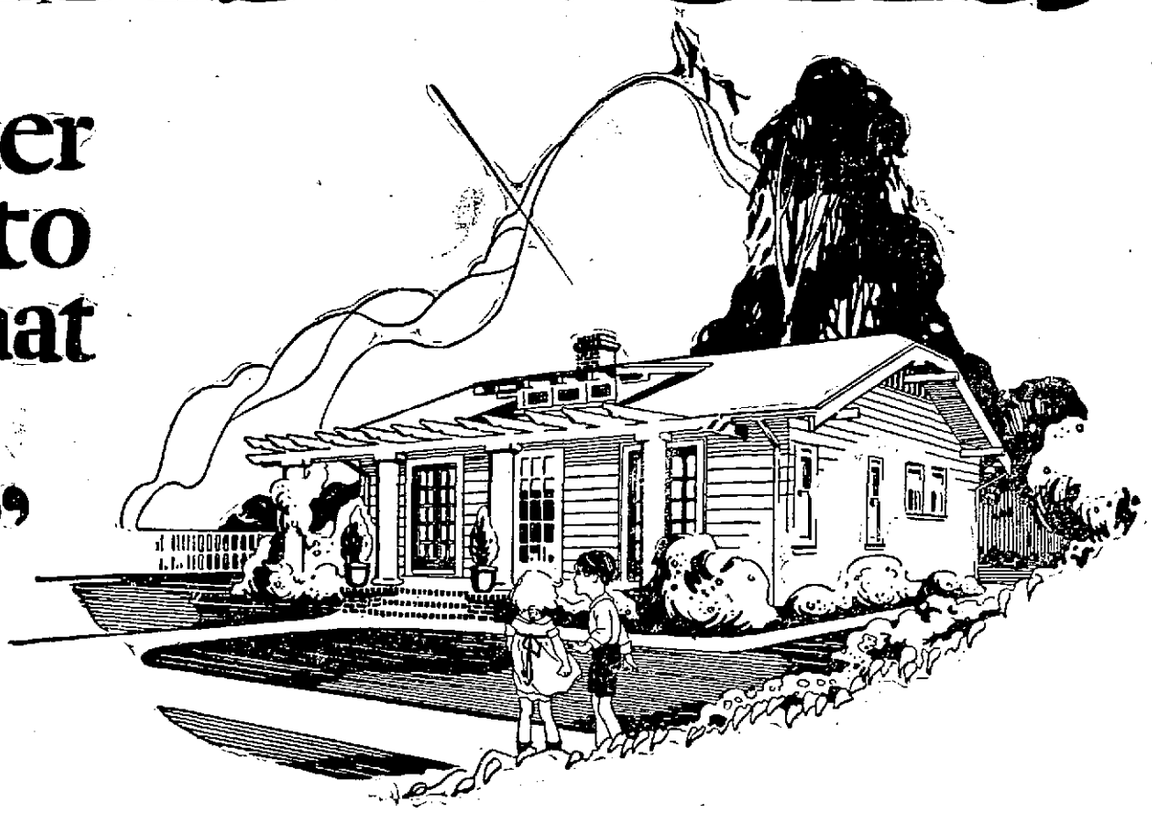

HOMES, MORE HOMES, BETTER HOMES—These are the slogans of today. They are setting the American people to thinking as they never have in the past. We even have a national "Better Homes Week" once a year to impress upon us the importance of having a Home of Our Own, and making that home the best possible.

There is no question about it—the dearest spot on earth to you is home—for it is there you expect to spend at least the greater portion of your life; there the children will be born and live to maturity, and should be reared 'mid ideal surroundings; there the beloved wife will devote the principal part of her time while you are at business and while the kiddies are at school.

Your new home is going to represent the fulfillment of so much in your life, it is wisdom for you to be careful in choosing the location, the plans, the building materials, and its furnishings.

Location plays a large part in the establishment of a successful home; among the things which should be considered are the character and desirability of the neighborhood. A thousand dollars' difference in the price of a lot often spells the difference between a neighborhood which is bound to run down in time and one which will improve with years. Schools, churches, play-grounds, library and transportation services are other conveniences which are inseparable from the desirable homes of today.

The size and style of home will depend entirely upon individual taste, requirements and investment. The bungalow created in various designs to meet climate and building conditions, has in recent years proven itself America's most popular architecture, and, because of their inexpensive construction costs, conveniences and adaptability for any location, are rightfully entitled to the proud position they occupy. The two-story home, however, is, and always will be, adopted by those whose requirements call for a large number of rooms in housing their own families, friends and relatives.

The furnishings of the dearest place on earth should be the subject of much careful thought. A play room for the kiddies, with a place for toys when not in use. The home library with book shelves or cabinets. The wife should be the one to furnish the bedrooms, also the bathroom. She will take an intense interest and realize a great joy in making these rooms places of daintiness and beauty. Living room, dining room, breakfast nook, den and library should be planned for service, and should be decorated to harmonize, and have hard wood floors if possible.

And then the lawn and the flower garden and the back yard, with shade and fruit trees and roses and vines climbing the side of the house and garage—ah, there's much in the making of a home, and you will grow into it naturally when you have once made the start.

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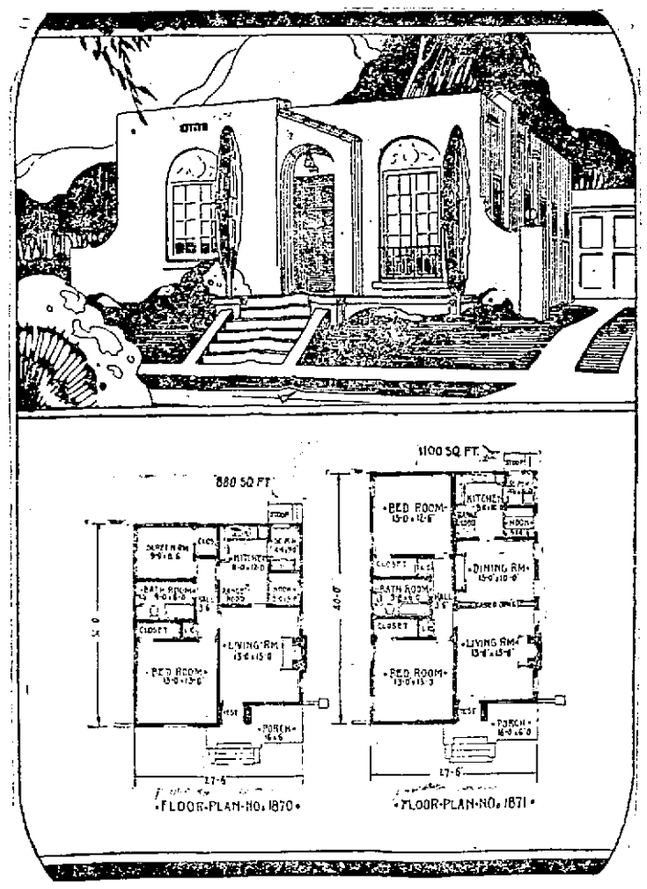

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A COMMUNITY EVIL; A NATIONAL AFFLICTION

In days like these, parents must be wary of the evils of the Public Dance Hall. The public dance hall is a community menace and a National affliction. This fact is recognized by the great statesmen of our country as well as by the great laymen of our churches and the influential ministry. The President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, as well as Presidents before him, has realized that inaugural balls offer examples to the citizenship of America, encouraging the public dance hall. He sees in it no good and Presidential sanction of the public dance by a Presidential Ball in the White House is not to be laid at his door. It is, indeed, a matter to make ladies sorrowful and men gloomy to know that in Texas, at the inauguration of the next Governor, that a Texas lady is to stage the practice of holding inaugural balls again, giving an impetus to the public dance hall craze and evil. In speaking of the public dance, Bob Shuler in his magazine recently said:

$3,524,658 paid last year in New York City to the dance halls for the privilege of dancing And more than 10,000 of the girls who danced in those dance halls entered a life of shame during the twelve months. Such are the startling figures that we face in a New York dispatch dated October 2nd. Another startling fact is that the majority of these girls were of high school age. And yet we find men and women who want us to prepare our children for such a life by giving them education in dancing in our public schools. Shame! It costs New York $352.46 to damn a high school girl by the dance hall route. That's too much to pay for such a result.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

One of the outstanding lawyers of America recently gave utterance to the following "Food for Thought:"

"A few short years ago the home and fireside was the sacred place for family love and affection. This same fireside today is lonely and frequently deserted. Instead, most of those who should hover about the hearth-stone of home can now be found on the roadside or lakeside, in the theatres, or some amusement resort. This is not a sermon on movies or wholesome amusements, nor is it an attack upon the theatre, because there must be amusement to keep up the appetite of the Nation, but the thing to consider is the quality of the amusement. A few weeks ago there appeared in a leading magazine a cartoon bearing the titles of all the popular screen plays of the past year, and it seemed too many of these included subjects which dealt altogether too much with the sex problem and the old but everlasting triangle of life. Think of a situation when the builders of motion pictures reach that point in their profession where they are forced by public appetite to stage such rough stuff, and you can think of the kind of men and women who thrive on it. A people seldom rises higher than the standard of education upon which they are raised. The same thing applies to amusements. Save the home life and you save the boy and girl, and when you save the boy and girl you save the nation.

Portable Refinery Being Set Up In Wortham Oil Area

Through a deal with the Rio Bravo Oil Company, a subsidiary to the Southern Pacific Railroad, which company is drilling on its rightof way in the Wortham district, the Portable Refining Company has set up a plant, similar to one used at Luling, on the H. & T. C. railroad near Wortham. It is expected to be in operation the early part of January and will have a 2500 barrel daily capacity. T. W. Sowell of Dallas, President of the Company, states that it will recover 25 per cent gasoline and 20 per cent kerosene from the Wortham crude. The deal with the Rio Bravo Company is said to be for the purchase of 25 per cent of its production. A flat posted price has been agreed upon for all crude run through the portable plant. H. Englehardt is to be in charge of the plant. The Clayton Oil Company will take 25 per cent of the Rio Bravo production for its Dallas refinery and the other 50 per cent has been contracted for by the Humble Oil and Refining Company.

T. O. LOFLAND JR. HURT ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Little T. O. Lofland Jr. happened to quite a painful accident Xmas afternoon, when he fell and cut quite a gash on his head, but was rushed to Brown Hospital where he received medical attention and is now doing nicely.

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The Texas Power and Light Company has a large force of men at Corsicana building a high power line for the Community Power and Light Company which will serve the oil field.

Many oil men who spent the holidays with their relatives in other place are returning to the field and city.

Miss Lucile Fletcher of Denton is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Leonard Tidwell.

Miss Edna Earle Costley is here from Waco to spend the holidays with relatives.

Misses Mamye and Lorraine Cannon of Temple are spending the holidays with Miss Chubby Costley.

Mrs. M. E. Stoner, mother of Mrs. Leonard Tidwell is visiting her son in Ft. Worth during the holidays.

Mrs. I. Newman is in Dallas, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Cohen, 1911 San Jacinto street.

Everything comes to the man who lets the other fellow do the waiting.

Learn to do with diligence what you would do with ease.

UNKNOWN SOLDIER IS IDENTIFIED BY MASONIC CERTIFICATE

STONEHOUSE, Scotland. — An unknown soldier of the Cameron Highlanders, who fell in action in the vicinity of Frozenburg, Belgium, has been identified by means of a Masonic certificate. His name was Will Muir and he lived at Stonehouse, Scotland. The body was discovered recently during the work of exhumation and reburial and on it was found a Masonic certificate issued to Bro. Will Muir of Lodge Union, No. 244, Stonehouse. The certificate was forwarded to the secretary of the Lodge by the Directors of Records, Imperial War Graves Commission, London.

Has White Elephant on His Hands. (Indianapolis Star)

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W. B. Kendrick, chairman of the board of the church, expects a visiting Christian minister in Mexia early in the week for a meeting with the board. A number of able ministers are being considered for the place left by the Rev. Mr. Reaves.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Opera House building, second floor.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Testimonial meeting is on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Reading room, same building, open from 12:30 to 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend these services and visit the reading room.

The Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Reaves and daughter, 711 East Titus street, returned Friday night from Valliant, Oklahoma, where they spent Christmas visiting the parents of Mrs. Reaves. The Rev. Mr. Reaves was formerly pastor of the First Christian Church, resigning to take a simular post at Brady, Texas, his former home. The pastor and his family will move to Brady Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collier are the parents of a 10 1-2 pound baby boy. The youngster arrived at 9 p. m. Friday.

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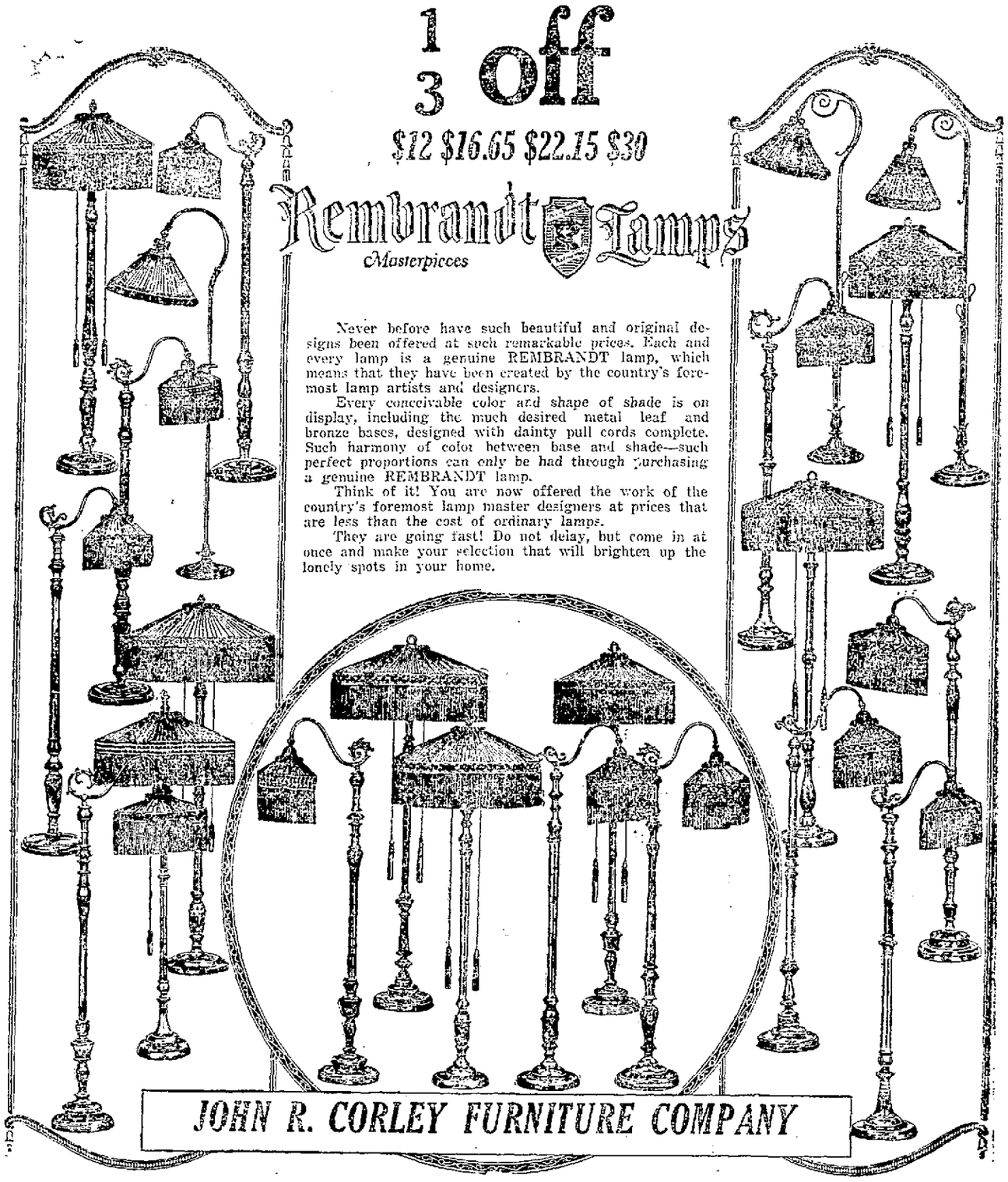

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SMU Not Fearful As To Her Center In Last Contest

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 27.—When the West Virginia Wesleyan Bobcats meet SMU at Fair Fark Stadium on New Year's Day in the Dixie Classic between the East and the Southwest, no follower of this section's football believes that the Mustangs will be outplayed at the Scheib, serving his first year on the Buckhannon squad, does have the edge on "Buddie" King, the Dallas veteran, even with his sixteen pound advantage in weight, he will be the first mid line guardian in two years to achieve it.

Scheib weighs 171 pounds and hails from the Aruthur Hill School. Critics in the east call him an exceptonally accurate passer and an ideal handler of the job in his combination of weight and speed. He has something yet to learn as most first year players have, but from his promise he should be one of the best centers in the east for the next two years.

Against him is ranged the lithe and agile king, a three year veteran playing his last year for SMU. And what a career his Mustang football has been. He made the squad in 1922 after having lettered as a freshman and altermate dat center with the veteran Daniels. In 1923, Daniels was captain of the squad but it was King who played the regular jom in the middle of the line and who won his way to the all-Conference berth after facing Walker and Brazelton and Coleman.

King weighs only 155 pounds. L66 is his top figure. But he handles himself like a 180-pounder and his work both on offense and defense is sensational. He, too, is an accurate passer. Freeland and Morrison play the center back on defense and have never worried about the outcome as long as Buddie King, light as he is, is in there.

Neither squad carries a real reserve center. Higgins will use one of the guards if he has to change Scheiber. SMU has Red Parks the second string but Goldberg goes to center on defense if necessary.

The seat sale at the Adolphus Pharmacy indicates a healthy attendance on New Year's Day. The sale will be maintained there until noon on January 1.

COX-GLAZENER.

Dr. E. A. Cox of Teague and Mexia, and Miss Marcie Glazener of Fairfield, were married at the Baptist parsonage in Teague Friday, December 26, at 10:30 a. m., Rev. E. Homer Tirey officiating.

Dr. Cox is a prominent physician of Teague and also maintains an office in Mexia. The bride is a member of one of the oldest families in Freestone county, and is popular with a large circle of friends.

We extend hearty congratulations

MAYBE HE WILL GROW up to be a senator like his father, Senator Walter Edge of New Jersey. But right now Walter Edge Jr. is more interested in making his blocks stand up.

to the happy couple and wish for them a long and happy life.

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Acts 11 1-18 is the lesson for study Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Strangers are cordially invited to all these services.

Tax Must Be Paid During January On All City Property

All city taxes is due January 1, and must be paid before the end of that month to avoid a penalty, according to R. D. Morgan, city tax collector. The books are now open for collection of the taxes and payment can be made at any time, the city official says.

A large number of people are making the checks for their taxes for the year so that the item will be charged to this year's expense in their personal accounts and a few payments have been made to the city.

After January 31, a 10 per cent penalty is added as well as a charge of $1, for delinquincy and 6 per cent interest on the amounts overdue.

Assessment of proyerty for the next year's taxes will begin February 1, on all property as of January 1, so that all property standing in the name of an individual on January 1, will be assessed in the coming year's rolls.

Buildings erected during January will not be assessed in the next taxes, the collector points out.

All cigaret license tax and service car licenses are due on January 1 for the year 1925. The city has no business license tax ordinance.

Dear Santa Claus:

Want to thank you so much for all the nice thinks you brought me Xmas. I am sorry Santa Claus I was bad and you didn't bring my doll a bed, but I'll be a good little girl if you will bring it next Xmas. Thank you again. Sincerely,

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Detroit has a restaurant in which the meals are served by electricity. The diner selects a table, notes on the menu the food he desires, drops the menu through a slot in the table, and waints a minute or two. Presently there is a humming noise, and in the center of the table, on a four-post tray, appears the food he has ordered.

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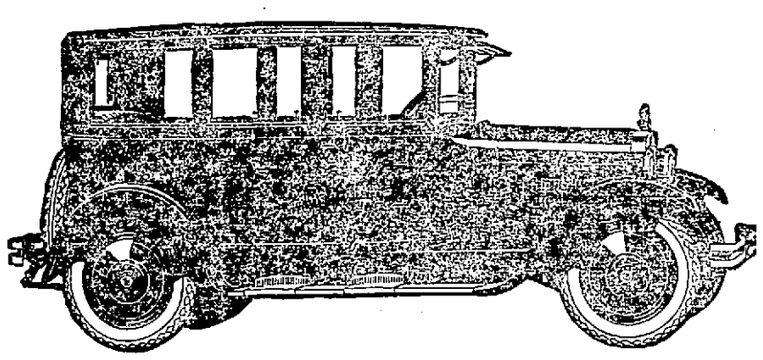

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Pipe Lines Help Meet Problems In Wortham Area

The pipe lines companies, operating at Wortham and throughout this section of Texas, are extending all cooperation possible to operators in the Wortham field and it is declared that this factor is largely responsible for the speed exhibited in the record campaign now being conducted. More than 200 rigs are now in operation and approximately 325 derricks are up. On account of the experience gained in Mexia, Powell, Currie and Richland drillers have learned how to go down the 3,000 feet to the production level with greater speed than they have ever been able to make before. With the pipe line companies ready to take the production as soon as it can, the transportation problem has been solved early in the life of the field, a further stimulus to speed on the part of the drillers. Practically all of the pipe lines are carrying the production to the Gulf Coast. When they become crowded, they will resort to field storage which is being increased as rapidly as weather permits.

Another service extended by the pipe line companies is aid given in solving the water problem. From Dallas, a distance of 80 miles away, the Texas Company has started pumping water through its regular 8 inch line.

The Sun Oil Company is shipping tank car loads of water from Richland, while some companies are treating Wortham sewerage water and using it.

In addition to these efforts a net work of pipe lines for water has been laid to the old Mexia supplies which were resorted to in the drilling campaign of 1921 and 1922.

The year ends with many additional special permits being sought. Chief Supervisor of the Oil and Gas Division, H. E. Bell, was here and in the field Friday, making this trip which he hopes will be the last necessary in connection with his duties, in view of other pressing matters in other parts of the state. The office here is now left in charge of Deputy Supervisor John Locke.

The appearance of some salt water in the Northeast part of the field has not been a subject of such consternation as it invoked in the early days of Mexia, as the problem is now known to be solved.

YUM, YUM, YUM! TURTLE SOUP But cooks must know how to make it Here Paul Germain, famous chef of continental fame, is giving part of the chef force on the S. S. Belgenland instructions on how to prepare the 100-pound turtle. It is a safe bet that too many cooks will do no spoiling

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One Hundred Cars Oil Shipped Daily Over T. & B. V. Road

One hundred cars of oil are being shipped from Mexia loading stations over the Trinity and Brazos Valley railroad daily, according to a statement of Sam P. Werner, agent. The oil being shipped in tank cars goes to Texas city and other ports, from where it is shipped in tank steamers to various parts of the world.

The steady shipment of oil by rail has greatly increased business over the T. & B. V. and Mr. Werner says the traffic in and out of Mexia is increasing daily. Although some believed the peak of railroad shipments passed, the statement of the railroad agent indicates that the contrary is true.

So greatly has the T. & B. V. traffic increased that 10 extra clerks have been employed in the freight offices to keep records and still more are to be hired.

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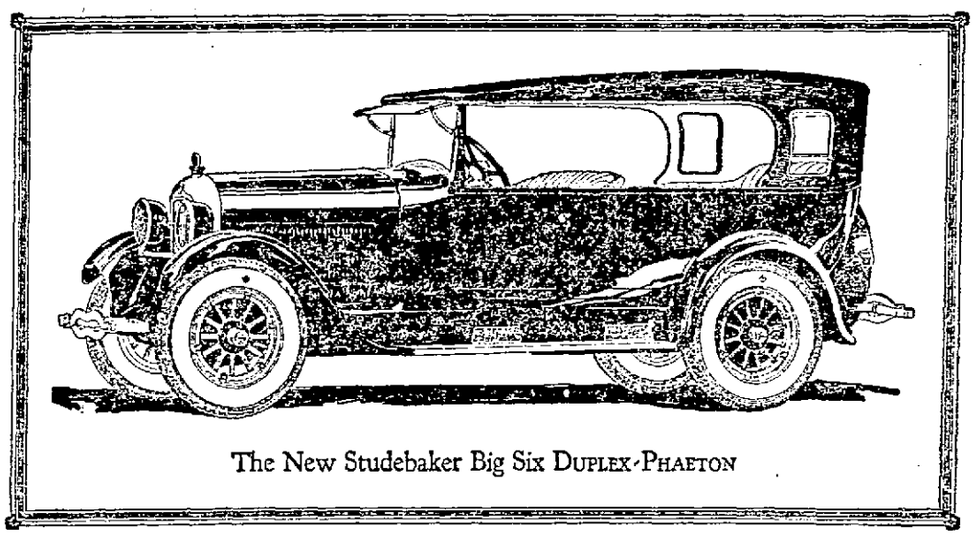

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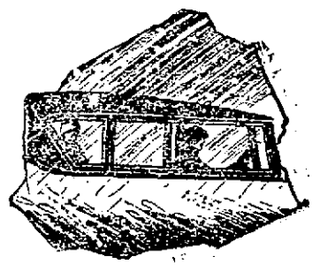

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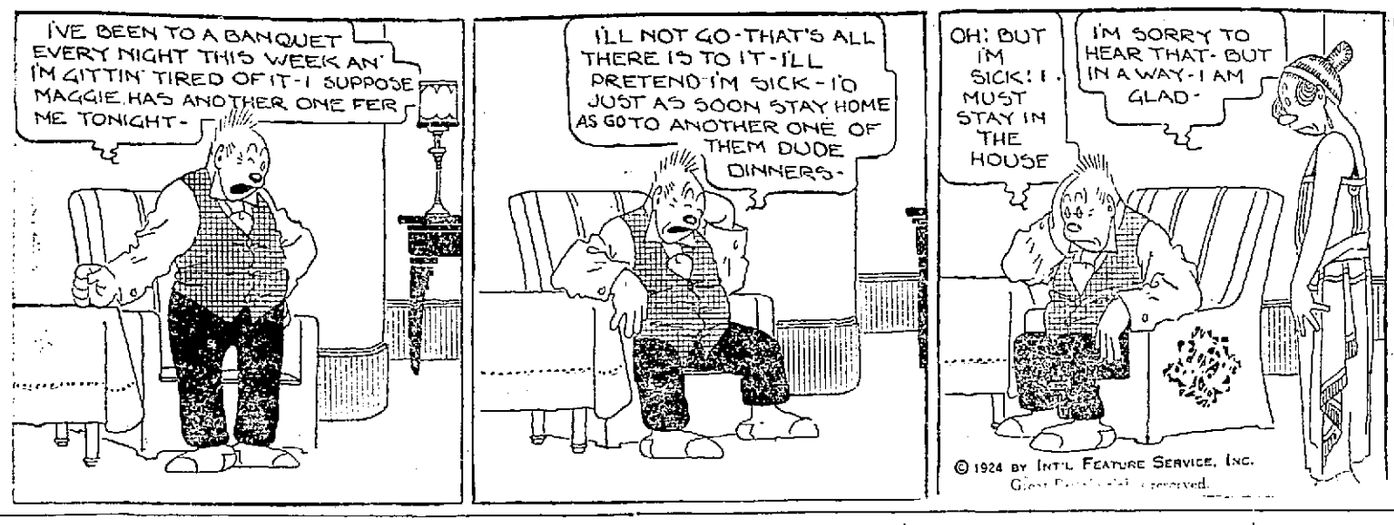
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No. 31	Dallas	1:30 p. m.
No. 15	Dallas-Ft.W.	3:31 p. m.
No. 33	Ennis	7:10 p. m.

South Bound.

No. 20	Houston	12:16 a. m.
No. 38	Austin-SA	12:21 a. m.
No. 18	Houston	1:37 a. m.
No. 34	From Ennis-Stp	7:15 a. m.
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WILDCATS START UP AGAIN IN SEARCH FOR CRUDE

J. B. Patty et al's Hornbeck 1, located about a mile from Tehuacana and six miles Northwest of here was to resume drilling at around 2900 feet late Saturday or early this week, following a shut down during the late freezes. It is about three miles from the Humphreys Boyd N. B. Boyd, 1, discovery well in the Wortham field and West of it. Considerable lease activity has taken place in the intervening territory during the past month.

Moore Brothers of Mexia are also resuming operations on the E. R. Quimby land, about a half a mile Northwest of the town of Currie. It recently encountered a shallow gas showing similar to that found in drilling in wells at Wortham and other fault fields. Lease buyers have accordingly been attracted in large numbers.

Also Northwest of Currie, the Sun Oil Company has a large block of leases which will be the scene of a drilling campaign by that company the first part of the New Year. Its H. A. Swink 1 early in November extended the gas area of the Richland field about 2000 feet when it brought in its 12,000,000 cubic foot gasser in regular Woodbine sand at 2918 to 2982 feet. The Austin chalk was encountered in this test at 2553 to 2837 feet, surface elevation 425 feet. The production from this gasser was sold to the Lone Star Gas Company.

One of the early developments of the New Year of more than usual significance is expected to be the completion of the Sun E. Swink 1, about 2,000 feet southwest of this gasser which has set cement at 2901, having logged the Austin Chalk at 2512 to 2658, with broken chalk continuing to a depth of around 2700 feet. Favorable geological reports cover the area which is between the Currie and Richland fields.

"Purdah" glass, which takes its name from a Hindu word meaning "curtain," is a special kind of glass so made that while one can see out of a window fitted with it, no one outside can look in.

WINS FORTUNE, BUT LOSES WIFE

Coincidentally with cables from Paris reporting another long-distance stock market coup—this time one of $2,000,000—by Lieutenant Osborne C. Wood, ex-army officer and son of Governor-General Leonard Wood, of the Philippine Islands, comes news from Wilmington, Del., apparently confirming a report that Mrs. Wood intends to sue for divorce. Mrs. Wood, who is at the home of her father near Wilmington, is quoted as declaring she and Wood have reached a parting of the ways. She left Paris for America with the Wood youngsters several months ago.

Tom Gibbons World's Finest Boxer

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Tom Gibbons, an outstanding challenger for the world's heavyweight championship at the age of thirty-five is one of the most extraordinary characters in the history of sport.

Just at the age where the ordinary boxer is all throught, Gibbons, the father of a family five fine boys, is in his physical prime and is just beginning to find himself.

Gibbons for years has been accepted as the finest boxer in the world. Some of his admirers go farther and claim that no boxer ever lived who had perfected defensive skill that Gibbons has developed. In his memorable contest with Jack Dempsey in Shelby, when he held off the world's champion and survived fifteen rounds without a mark from a fair punch, he proved himself the hardest man in the world to hit.

The very perfection of that defense, however, resulted in the only defeat in his fighting equipment that critics could find. He lacked the aggressive offense and that spirit which is classed in ring parlance as "savagery," they said.

Some of those who were familiar with his private life and his moral equipment said that he was made to be a priest instead of a pugilistic champion.

The theory that a perfect offense is the best defense has been proved by many examples, particularly that of Dempsey, whose defense is a negative factor in his fights. Dempsey has learned in several experiences, but with the exception of the Gibbons fight, the champion's man has always finished on the floor. But, on the other hand, there is no case within the easy reach of memory where a perfect defense and a negligible offense won a championship.

Until his recent fight against Kid Norfolk in Madison Square Garden, Gibbons always had waited for his opponent to give him an opening for an accurate shot instead of pounding the opening himself. His fight with Norfolk was a revelation to the Gibbons fans. He started on the offense and remained the aggressor until Norfolk was being dragged to his corner by the refereen in the sixth round. He beat down the defense of Norfolk and crashed thru his guard to find vital spots on the body and head. There was nothing of the savage scowl on his face that Dempsey wears in the ring but there was a determined look in his eyes and his jaw was set as only a Celt can set. He won the fight by smashing a right hand through to the body and hooking a left to the head when Norfolk's hands dropped to protect his stomach. He switched the left to the body and the right to the head.

There were seated in the press box at least a dozen writers who had seen the Dempsey-Gibbons fight. Some of them came back from Shelby with a poor opinion of Gibbons and with stories ready for print that it was a "carry" and that Dempsey did not win by a knockout only because he didn't want to win that way for business reasons.

The very writers who had scoffed at the demands of Gibbons for a return fight were the loudest in their praise of the Gibbons who displayed such artistry in his victory over Norfolw. "There is the real Gibbons," it was said in the press pit after the fight. "There is Gibbons as the fighter and not as the master boxer."

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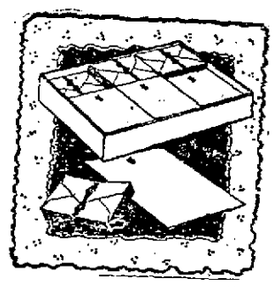

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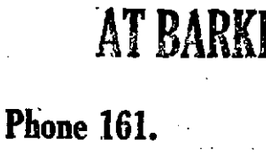

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